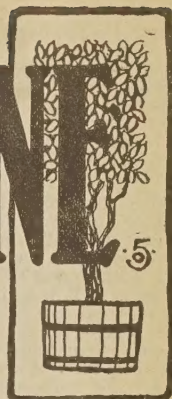


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"KISSING BEND"

By Mary H. Coates

YES, Miss maid-of-honor, Ethel it is to be something soft and thin over silk, in keeping with the whole affair, which is to take place at home. This is papa's wish, and it's what Eugene and I prefer, too."

"Oh, won't that be an invention! And may the 'maid' ask where you're going on the—"

Ethel completed the question by a suggestive fluttering of her fingers.

"She may," replied Florence, as she parted the curtains and glanced over the roofs that seemingly race up and down San Francisco's hills. "We shall tour the coast cities to Los Angeles, and return through the San Joaquin valley."

"And your going-away suit?" queried Ethel.

"My traveling dress is going to be some ordinary sort of brown flannel," Florence said, with an already-settled accent.

"What! Brown flannel—for a bride? And for early summer traveling? Why, Florence Wakely!"

"Yes; plain, prosaic brown flannel."

"But ti's such a warm color; you'll smother in it, really. Summer comes very early over in the interior, though here in San Francisco it's cool enough for heavy wraps. Is brown very fashionable this season?" with cautiously marked emphasis.

"Well! Warm looking and not fashionable!" repeated Florence, in a bubble of amusement. "You're complimentary—and you're consumed with surprise, confess it."

"H'm," Ethel ventured, non-committally.

"There! Don't get an idea that papa's lost a fortune in something or other, and we're scrimping. The truth is this: I'm not going to travel with the least bit of a bride label on me,—not if I know it!"

"Why, how romantic! Traveling incog.—as it were. And the pretty trousseau—"

"Stays at home, every stitch. I'm not going to take a trunk, either Eugene will have his suit case, and I'll take a hand grip and a telescope basket. They're the outfit for steady-going everyday travelers."

"It is very unconventional. Um—may we go with you to the ferry slip?"

"What? Not for worlds!—Innocence itself smuggling orange blossoms, rice and old slippers across the border! Not if I know it!"

"O very well; just as you say, so long as we taste the cake, and have a chance at the bouquet." Ethel replied demurely, but a prankish gleam in her eyes contradicted its sincerity.

The wedding morning was heralded by a dense fog; but its grey chill was unheeded indoors in the glow of electric lights and fragrant flowers. When tinkle of glasses mingled with laughter and silvery speech the bride arose, glanced at her maid of honor, tossed back the prophetic bouquet and hurried upstairs.

"Why did I get little Fay to sneak you down the cellar stairs and out this way?" panted Florence, in a fearful half-whisper, a short time later, as she and Eugene emerged from the house by the rear entrance.

"Well, because eternal vigilance is the price of liberty,—and bless little sister, for she made the fateful discovery for us just in time! Rest your eyes on that!" Her gesture indicated a carriage at the curb, in front of the house, actually bristling with orange blossoms, lovers' knots, old slippers, horns of plenty, staffs, shields, and swinging bags of rice, from each of which fluttered a card bearing a written inscription.

"Save me from my friends!" Eugene ejaculated.

"And mine!" she laughed gleefully.

"It's a masterpiece, isn't it?" he shut one eye and viewed the carriage, with a mock tentative air. "Still, there's one thing lacking," and taking a card from his pocket, he inscribed a message: "Goodbye. We have flown. Forgive us. N. B.—This is an age of rapid history. Also, the latest in the pin-cushion act is the carriage ribbons. Tearfully, the runaways."

"There, that supplies the deficiency," remarked he, and turning, beckoned to the coachman. "I say, what time is it?" he asked, as the man came up. "Just so, well,—do you see this minutehand? Yes. All right. When it gets around here, I want you to pin this card to that longest streamer on your door," Eugene said, and diving into his purse he clamped the bargain.

"That's settled. Now for the run, Flo. We've five minutes to get out; and that cab fourth down will do. Give me the telescope. Here, driver, how's Valencia street station?" handing up a five-dollar bill. "Can you catch the next south-bound train with this?"



Kearney Avenue

"Sure I'll try, boss. Hop in." The door slammed, he mounted, and snapping his whip vigorously, they rattled off.

"Here you are, boss!" the driver yelled, as he pulled up the horses with a sudden jerk. "Run for your lives! Won't have time to check this—train's pullin' out!—'taint' hefty," he flourished the immense telescope.

"Two tickets, stop-overs!" Eugene shouted in the window of the ticket office.

"Where do you wish to go?" A voice inside the wicket inquired with exasperating deliberateness.

"Oh! Los Angeles, via Fresno." The red surged over Eugene's face as he nervously flung down the money and gathered up the tickets.

"Saved!—by a mighty close shave!" he exclaimed under his breath, heaving a sigh of relief, as they scrambled up the steps of the moving train. "I say, Flo, where'll you have this thing, overhead or under-foot?" grimacing comically as he shifted the basket from one hand to the other. "I hadn't noticed before, but cabby was right. 'Tisn't as heavy as it should be, considering its size. Come to think of it, now, its lack of weight is something remarkable. Are you sure, I mean,—I thought women always had—"

he broke off, suddenly catching the warning in her eyes.

"Oh, I see, eternal vigilance, again—can't drop our motto just yet. Ah, here comes the conductor. Where shall we make the first stop? We're not going by the coast route. I took the other to make sure. Shall it be Fresno?"

She nodded assent, and looked out the window, but the smile was supplanted by a worried, haunting expression, which did not vanish even when the train had speeded them out of the fog region, and into vast

levels over which streamed clear morning sunshine. As they were whirled still farther inland the day quickly grew much warmer, and over in the heart of the great valley the heat increased, almost in proportion as the fields widened,—fields of ripe grain, of early stubble or fallow land, stretching mile upon mile, bare, blistered.

"Brown is certainly not cool to look upon," Florence said, turning from the window, and glancing over the car, noting the thin, airy black worn by elderly ladies, and delicate summery things of maid and matron.

"Warm, isn't it? Regular thing, though, in raisin' weather," commented a traveling salesman in agricultural hardware, as he leaned toward Eugene. "Fine along here in March,—all that strip is gorgeous with wild flowers." Indicating the space between the railroad track and grainfields where flowers had flourished and ripened, likewise wild oat and foxtail grass; but which now lay dimly black, for the section men had spaded fire lines next the precious grainfields and burnt off the wayside harvest.

"I shall speedily get into something cooler than this horrid old brown," Florence gasped, as Eugene reached her hat into a parcel rack.

"Do you know, I wonder how anybody down here ever accomplishes anything in summer, having only one hand to work with and the left at that."

"Left hand? What is the trouble with the right?"

"Oh, it has a permanent engagement at other work." He illustrated by mopping his face.

"Eugene, what do you suppose makes that telescope so light?" she whispered, looking suspiciously at the basket.

"Can't say, unless it is eternal vigilance," he responded, with a glimmer of amusement.

"Oh, don't." She leaned wearily back, with closed eyes, and the train steamed through orange groves, and vineyards till in waning day they glided into the "Raisin city."

"They don't look it," the clerk of the hotel mentally remarked to his boon companion, the register. "No, nor act it; but something about that couple makes me think they're 'bridal.' But they never ordered

anything in the way of supper, no, guess it's not safe to offer a 'bridal,' no,—and he reached for the key to a less conspicuous room.

"Come, Flo! Are you ready for dinner?" Eugene came bounding into their room. "Why, what—"

"There wasn't another thing in that telescope," she spoke in baffled undertone.

"Why, it's your—"

"Hush! Yes, it's my wedding dress." She smiled grimly. "They must have changed baskets somehow."

"Never mind dearest. After we've dined we'll get a rig, and take an old-fashioned outing. It will be cooler by that time, and we'll forget all this. Tomorrow we'll hunt up something more suitable. You'll put this on, won't you," softly touching the cloud of chiffon and ribbons. "It's all right; everybody's wearing stuff like it here."

"They are all brides, too, I suppose? No, I'll wear what I have on. I've one consolation, my waist is the finest thing in summer silks," as she sailed defiantly out; and no one else in the dining room was more self-possessed.

"Glorious, glorious!" exclaimed Eugene, slackening rein, as the team bore them beyond the city, in fragrant moonlight.

"The drive?—has it a name?" Florence sat primly severe, still smarting under the memory of the basket trick.

"Name? oh, yes. Kearney Avenue, I believe. Isn't it grand?"

"Quite pretty," she admitted, in dignified approval.

"Pretty," he echoed. "Well I should say more; and then, fancy, the romance hidden in a man who

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By Telephone

By Achsa B. Canfield

When the Brownville Trading Company organized a country telephone system, almost every farmer in Sumner township had a telephone put into his house and connections made. Even old Tom Beers and his wife, both so deaf that when their daughter left home to work in Brownville the old folks could not quarrel any more because neither could understand what the other said,—even they had a 'phone.

Some one managed to make Tom understand that the neighbors thought a telephone was rather an expensive luxury for folk so deaf, and Tom replied, "Well, I sorter calculated it might come handy if Sal or I was ever took sick sudden. One of us would be sure to be able to crawl to the 'phone and ring her like the dickens, and when we got every one on the line a-listening, we could just say how it was with us and what was up and some one would be sure to hear and come."

As neither of these octogenarians had ever seen a sick day, old Aunt Jerusha Daniels was perhaps justified in remarking that "seemed 'zif Tom Beers was a-losin' his trust in Providence."

One or two farmers "couldn't afford to have a telephone," but it was not on the ground of expense that Silas Peaty refused to patronize the new enterprise. He regarded a 'phone as a wholly unnecessary instrument.

"And I aint so deaf as old Tom Beers yet, and I couldn't stand that everlasting jingling of the bell," he declared. The line was without a central and each call was sounded on every 'phone.

"Why," continued Silas, "I never could be sure of an extra nap mornings, nor hardly sure of sleeping at night, with that thing a-clattering off every other minute. Worse than a dozen 'larm clocks, because y' see when a 'larm clock goes off, you know it is time to get up, but when that thing rings you can't tell without listening, and that's against the rules, whatever is up or is a-going to be.

"Then it's just a waste of time, too. Mother and Alma would be a-talking to some of the neighbors the whole day, and Alma would be a-flirting with the boys, as like as not. It's just a new instrument of these degenerate days to promote gossip, gadding, and idleness."

"I don't see as it makes folks gad," said Mrs. Peaty. "For my part, I am sure it would save me going on a good many trips over to sister Kate's."

"Not a bit! Not a bit!" declared Silas. "Why when I was down at Ben Zimmerman's the other day Tilly Deane called Molly Zimmerman to the 'phone and asked her if she had a crochet pattern, or something like that, and Molly said, 'Yes, and I'll bring it over right away, and I'll 'phone to Susie Clark to come, too.' No it just makes women folks gad more than ever."

"Needn't talk about emergencies," he answered, when Mrs. Peaty made a mild suggestion. "Prepare for cut fingers and you'll have them. And can't you remember I've got as good a colt, that there Wildfire, right out in the barn as you'll find, and I can slap her into the buckboard in two minutes, anytime, day or night, and off anywhere and back before you'd ever get any help out of that there jangling thing."

Finding argument useless, Alma and her mother said no more, but Silas Peaty never knew how many good times his fair daughter almost missed because they had no 'phone and it seemed as though no one had time to take an extra trip of a mile or more to let her know of some merry making that was planned.

Almost missed, I say, for Richard Burr always found time and means, if he were to be in any frolic, to let Alma know, so that the sleigh load of young people had no longer to wait at Alma's door than elsewhere.

But there came a time when Silas Peaty and Richard Burr's father quarreled, and that so bitterly that Silas forbade any coming or going between the two families.

"And as to this here telephone," he went on, though nothing had been said of the telephone for weeks, "as to this here telephone, the more I see and hear of it the less I like it. I was at Ed Evans's today and the way that bell was a-jangling and Grace a-popping out into the hall every few minutes to answer it, leaving her ironing, I tell you it was enough to sicken me of the whole business, if I hadn't been that already, and I don't calculate ever to have one in my house."

As this was perhaps the twentieth time that statement had been made, no one presumed to doubt it.

One day, a few weeks later, Silas went to Brownville, and called, as usual, at the home of his married daughter, Amanda.

Great was his surprise to learn that baby Rob was sick with the measles. The doctor had just been in and said that Mina, the little girl of five years, was not strong enough to be exposed to them.

"I was just wishing, father," said Amanda, bravely, for she knew her father's sentiments, "I was just wishing that you had a 'phone, so I could let you know, and you could come in after her."

"Why, now you see a 'phone aint one bit necessary," laughed her father. "Here I am and I'll take her along. I always tell your mother I can go and come as quick as she could 'phone and get anything."

Mina, always glad to go to grandpapa's, was soon made ready.

"Oh, father!" cried Amanda, coming to the door. "I did not know you had Wildfire. Are you quite sure she is safe?"

"As safe as the kitchen stove," declared he, and off they went.

A mile out from town Silas brought the colt to a sudden stop. "Jinks!" he exclaimed. "I'll be blamed if I didn't forget that bundle of stuff Alma wanted at Beem's. I'll have to look and see."

He leaned backward and sidewise over the seat to

She did not recognize the voice or think who was in danger, but she ran to the back yard where her father and Richard Burr were at work on some machinery, and called to them that a horse was running away and would kill some one if not stopped.

The two men were over the fence and into the road in less time than it takes to tell about it, but not much too soon for Wildfire, who came flying up the road, and seeing Mr. Evans on one side of the road, swerved to the other just enough to enable Richard Burr to catch her by the bits.

Throwing all his weight upon her, he brought her to her haunches, and trembling all over, she was brought to a stop.

So it was that Silas Peaty, faint and gray with anxiety, having been picked up by a passing team, found his little granddaughter resting in the arms of his sworn enemy, Richard Burr.

"Thank God!" cried Silas, "and God bless you, Richard," reaching one hand to him while he clasped Mina in the other arm.

"Bless the telephone, too, you'd better say," said Grace Evans, her blue eyes shining through her tears. "W-h-a-t!" gasped Silas, holding Mina closer.

"Bless the telephone, I say. If some one had not rung like mad and called that a horse was running away and some one would be killed, we should never have seen her, and who knows what might have happened at that sharp turn, below here?"

"I have been an old fool!" was all he said then, but when Mina was safe with her grandmother, Silas turned Wildfire about and drove back to Brownville.

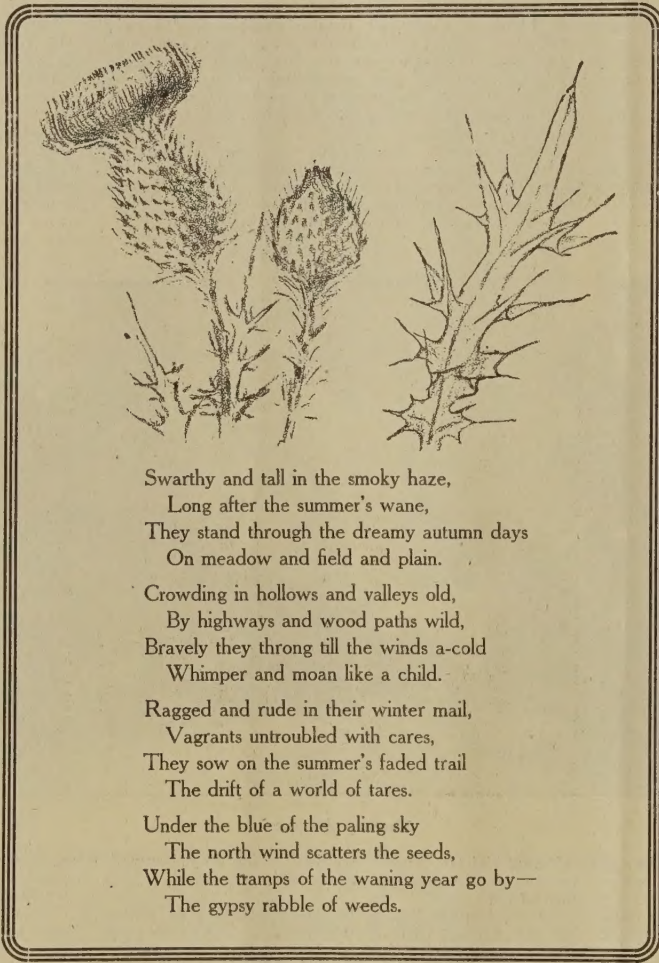
A very few days later, a telephone was put up in the Peaty house and connections made with the whole neighborhood. The afternoon that this was completed, Alma "called up" all the neighbors, and asked them, in the name of her father, to come in for the evening.

Of all the telephone parties, as these impromptu gatherings were called, this was most successful. At the close of the evening Silas Peaty said, "Girls and boys, you will all be invited over here again in a few months, to see a young couple I could name, married. I have given my consent on condition that they have a telephone put into their new house as soon as they go to housekeeping. You see, I know at last what a valuable thing that little jingling box is." And he snatched Mina from her grandmother's arms and held her close to his heart.

October.

The month of carnival of all the year,
When Nature lets the wild earth go its way,
And spend whole seasons on a single day.
The spring-time holds her white and purple dear;
October, lavish, flaunts them far and near;
The summer charily her reds doth lay
Like jewels on her costliest array;
October, scornful, burns them on a bier.
The winter hoards his pearls of frost in sign
Of kingdom: whiter pearls than winter knew,
Or empress wore, in Egypt's ancient line,
October, feasting 'neath her dome of blue,
Drinks at a single draught, slow filtered through
Sunshiny air, as in a tingling wine.

—Helen Hunt Jackson.



Swarthy and tall in the smoky haze,
Long after the summer's wane,
They stand through the dreamy autumn days
On meadow and field and plain.
Crowding in hollows and valleys old,
By highways and wood paths wild,
Bravely they throng till the winds a-cold
Whimper and moan like a child.
Ragged and rude in their winter mail,
Vagrants untroubled with cares,
They sow on the summer's faded trail
The drift of a world of tares.
Under the blue of the paling sky
The north wind scatters the seeds,
While the tramps of the waning year go by—
The gypsy rabble of weeds.

look amongst the miscellaneous collection of bundles packed in there. Just then a stray dog, wandering near, saw the horse and gave a sudden bark that set Wildfire dancing.

"Steady, Wildfire," called the man, but the horse, springing past the dog, threw Silas from the buggy and dashed off down the road.

"Steady, steady," called Silas, springing up, in spite of his bruises, for he could see the little figure of Mina clinging to the buggy as the horse disappeared down the road. He raced off in pursuit, as rapidly as he could, but he might as well have tried to overtake a cyclone.

Deaf old Tom Beers was crossing the road near his home, a few minutes later, when something whirled past him. He saw Mina's white face look back at him in appeal and he rushed toward the house.

"Wife! Wife!" he shouted. "Ring the 'phone! Ring it quick, for everybody!"

Mrs. Beers, sitting placidly knitting, looked up in surprise as she saw him throw open the door and hurry to the phone. He rang long and wildly, and, three miles down the road, in the Evans home, the frantic ring reached the ears of Grace. Feeling that something was wrong, she ran to listen.

"Stop the run away. Mina will be killed if you don't."

An automobilist who was touring through the country saw, walking ahead of him, a man, followed by a dog. As the machine drew near them the dog started suddenly to cross the road; he was hit by the car and killed instantly. The motorist stopped his machine and approached the owner. "I'm very sorry, my man, that this has happened," he said. "Will five dollars fix it?" "Oh, yes," said the man; "five dollars will fix it, I guess."

Pocketing the money as the car disappeared in the distance, he looked down at the dead animal.

"I wonder whose dog it was?" he said.—*Harper's Weekly.*

A Southern Congressman tells a story of an old negro in Alabama who, in his bargaining, is always afraid that he may get the "worst of it." On one occasion, it appears, this aged dandy went after a calf that he had pastured all summer, and asked what he owed for the pasturing.

"I have a bill of \$10 against you," said the farmer who had undertaken the care of the animal, "but, if you are willing, I'll take the calf and call it settled." "No, sah!" promptly exclaimed the negro. "I'll do nothing like dat. But," he added, after a pause, "I'll tell you what I will do—you keep the calf two weeks longer and you can have it."—*Harper's Weekly.*

SWINDLING SCHEMES

And How They Are Worked

We announced in our September issue, the series of articles under the title "The Fakir's Confession" to be gin in this issue but we regret that there must be a delay in their appearance. We publish this month a few extracts from "The Busy Man's Friend," a most valuable book, which we offer at a great bargain to our readers. See our announcement on page thirty of this issue.

Counterfeit Money Swindle

This scheme has long been practiced in different parts of the country, yet the victims are numerous, hundreds being added annually to the list.

It is simply a shrewd system of black-mailing, and worked as follows: The swindlers or black-mailers (as they can more properly be called) get together, make up plausible circulars, and secure advertisements in local newspapers in the territory which they intend to work up. No work is done in their own neighborhood, all operations being planned from headquarters when the victims are selected. The "gang" has a number of schemes, but the favorite one is, to send some person, who has answered their circulars, a genuine new bill, and to get him on pretense, to see if it is good. As the bill is genuine there is no difficulty in passing it. The dupe is then informed that he will be supplied with any amount of similar good money at a trifling cost.

If the man bites the tempting bait placed before him, he is made to sign a document which he is told admits him to membership in a secret society known as the Y. F. A. R., and the money is to come in a few days. Instead, however, a man makes his appearance who represents himself as a United States officer; he shows up the document signed by the poor fellow, which practically proves to be a confession of circulating counterfeit money, and so calls his attention to the bill which he passed.

The victim is told that he must go to Washington and be tried by United States Court, and the penalty for making and passing counterfeit money is also read. He is cleverly told the long delay at heavy cost and the sure penalty.

When the victim is sufficiently wrought up, the officer offers to compromise for all the way from \$200 to \$2,000. The money is paid or secured, the document torn up and the dupe released.

NOTE.—A man who is caught in a swindling scheme of this kind is utterly helpless and at the mercy of his captors. He dare not go to officers and make complaint against the rascals without exposing himself, because he never would have been caught in the trap had he not shown a willingness to handle and pass counterfeit money, and consequently is as guilty as the swindler in the eyes of the law.

Beware of strangers who offer you great inducements. Beware! Beware!! Beware!!!

The Barb-wire Swindle

The "Wire Fence Man" is a new swindler working the farmers. The scheme is a shrewd one and is executed as follows: A nicely dressed man, very pleasant in his manners, meets the farmer in his field or at his home, and desires the privilege of exhibiting his wire fence stretcher machine, for which privilege he will build the farmer thirty or forty rods of good fence for exhibition. All the agent asks is board while he is at work on the fence, with the understanding that the farmer is to go after the machine at the nearest depot and pay the charges not to exceed three dollars for the fence, all set up where he wants it. In order to have everything understood, and as a warrant of the farmer's good intentions, he requires him to sign a written order on a postal card, which he mails (as he says) to his partner, which proves to be a written contract for the machine, price \$200 (worth less than twenty-five dollars.) After the machine comes, a new man turns up with the postal order for the machine, and requires the payment of the \$200 as per agreement on the card. He claims to be an attorney for the company and threatens to sue in the highest courts until he secures the payment of the order.

When will people begin to study the "Safe Methods of Business" and learn that it is not safe to sign a paper for a stranger?

The Patent Fence Swindle.

It is an old but true maxim, that "experience is an expensive teacher," but many will learn in no other way. The wire and picket fence combination is a good article for fencing gardens, etc., too expensive, however, for general use.

THE SWINDLE

An agent, very nicely dressed, meets you in your garden or field, and shows you extensive engravings of the patent combination fence. He warrants the fence to be just as represented, forty-four pickets to the rod, well painted, firmly fastened by six galvanized steel wires, etc. All of this he agrees to furnish at the low price of twenty cents per rod.

After convincing you of the cheapness of the fence, which is easily done, he offers you a special discount to take the agency for your township, for which you are to advance your credit to the amount of \$128. After securing your note he sends you a sample of the fence. But you soon find that the fence cannot be made for any such price per rod, and you are out of the amount of credit advanced. The note has been sold, and after passing into the hands of an innocent party it can be collected.

1. CAUTION. The fence is a Patent Right Fraud. Any man who asks you to sign a note to secure an agency is a swindler, or is acting the part of a rascal for some one else.

2. If the fence was not a fraud, our hardware merchants would long ago have investigated it, and if a good thing, would have it in stock. It must be a poor concern that necessitates such an unbusiness-like introduction.

3. Whoever deals with an agent deals with him at his own risk, for an agency can be revoked at any time.

4. Most of those swindling contracts are for no specified time and consequently the agency can be terminated at the pleasure of the swindler.

5. Never sign a paper for an agent without satisfactory knowledge of his character, or of his business.



When the Leaves are Off the Trees

Loud the call of "southward ho!"
Feathered troops, in flocks they go,
Swallows dipping from the eaves,
Bare the branches now of leaves,
Purple carpets, lined with gold
Swept in many a shifting fold,
Woodbines swinging in the breeze,
"When the leaves are off the trees."

Country lad, he loves the day,
When the last leaf blows away,
Loves the cry of "southward ho!"
Minds not, that the song-birds go
Cares not, that the golden-rod
Casts its flame-flakes o'er the sea;
Coming mirth and joy he sees
"When the leaves are off the trees."

Scents the breath of frost and hail,
Fancies icy coat of mail,
Binding brook and sheathing pond,
Crystallizing all beyond;
Dreams of firs with jewels hung
Sparkling their green depths among;
Ermpied all the world he sees
"When the leaves are off the trees."

Country lad, all hail! God speed,
Up the path where fate may lead,
When the fancies of today,
Like the leaves have blown away,
When life's song-birds all have flown
With the joys that you have known,
And the snow-king's hand has flung
Frost your clustering locks among,
May your soul though tempest tossed
Crystal clear, be white as frost;
Then—your dreams be sweet as these
When the leaves are off life's trees.

Cavabel Lewis Munger. Repeated by Request.

Always Read Before Signing

Among the pithy sayings of a well-known German philosopher and reader occurs the following: "Sign no paper without reading it." In these days of education, enlightenment and progress, such a caution would hardly seem necessary to any person in the full possession of his faculties; yet it is astonishing how many people there are, including good business men, who attach their signatures to papers or documents whose contents may have a serious bearing upon themselves or their affairs, with scarcely a glance at their contents. Carelessness in failing to acquaint themselves with the contents of a paper before signing it has worked incalculable harm to thousands of well intentioned people. It is a good thing, therefore, to bear in mind continuously the above quotation, particularly with respect to such papers as express or imply anything in the nature of a contract or a legal obligation.

The Lightning-rod Swindle

CONTRACT

Naperville, July 3, 1896.

Mr. F. J. Bechtold, please erect at your earliest convenience your lightning rods on my House according to your rules, of which said House I am the owner, for which I agree to pay you cents per foot and \$3.00 for each point, \$4.00 each for vanes, \$5.00 each for arrows, \$1.50 each for balls, and \$2.00 for braces, cash, when completed, or a note due on the first day of January next, 1897.

F. Hauswirth.

1. In the blank for cents....., the canvasser or agent puts in some single figure, say 7, that being understood to be the regular price per foot, but after the contract is signed, the agent at his leisure quietly inserts a 6 before the 7, or some other figure, making the amount 67 cents per foot instead of 7 cents, as signed and agreed upon.

2. A swindling note is generally obtained, and the contract is kept in the background; but when the collector comes along and presents the note backed by the contract in plain figures, the farmer sees that he himself has been struck by lightning while trying to protect his house.

3. The note is generally in the hands of an innocent party, and according to law may be collected.

4. The agent canvassing the victim generally promises that the rodding of the house shall not cost over \$28.00 or \$35.00. But that man, however, never appears on the scene again.

5. Never deal with irresponsible persons. If you desire rods, employ your hardware merchants; or if you desire anything in the machinery line, patronize honest and trusted dealers, and take no chances of "being taken in."

The Farm-machinery Swindle

The latest scheme for fleecing unwary farmers is as follows: A plausible, well-dressed fellow drives up to the farmer's house with two or three different kinds of farm-machinery, and asks permission to store his machines in the farmer's barn, and the accommodating farmer usually gives permission.

After the machines are stored away, the sharper remarks that they are the last of a large lot that he has been selling through the country, and that he is anxious to close out the consignment, and if the farmer will sell two or more of the machines while they are stored in the barn, he shall have 50 per cent commission on the sale. The offer is a tempting one, and the farmer usually accepts. He is then requested, merely as a business form, to affix his signature to a document, specifying the terms on which the machines are stored on the premises. The farmer signs a lengthy printed document without reading it, or perhaps, if read, without understanding it. At the expiration of 30 days he is astounded by finding himself called upon by another stranger to pay an exorbitant price for the machines stored in his barn. When the farmer objects, he is shown his signature attached to an agreement, which agreement, his lawyer tells him, is drawn in good legal form.

The victims of this game usually lose from \$200.00 to \$500.00

NOTE—Beginning with our November issue we will commence "The Fakir's Confession." As strange as the greatest piece of fiction and as interesting and fascinating as the most popular romance is the tale told by "The Prince of Fakirs" himself, of the devious ways in which he and his pals fleeced the unwary residents of the rural districts for years. This story has been obtained at great expense for the columns of Vick's Family Magazine.

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Some Fine Blue Flowers

By Danske Dandridge

Almost all lovers of gardens complain of the difficulty of getting enough blue flowers. This has been the case here at Rose Brake, until the last year or two, when we have made a specialty of such hardy plants as are easy to keep, and which have beautiful, showy blue blossoms. A few of these that I will describe are not very well known, in spite of the fact that the first cost is small, that they are perfectly hardy, and increase in beauty every year.

Two years ago we first heard of the blue Phlox, called by the dealer from whom we obtained a plant of it, Phlox Carolina. This plant was given a prominent place in our rock-garden, where a deep crevice between two large flat rocks had been filled in with a mixture of wood's earth and a little sand. It began to bloom early in April, and the small plant was soon covered with blossoms the size and color of those of Periwinkle, or Vinca minor. These beautiful blossoms were carried on slender stalks, making the plant at blooming time about one foot in height. The lovely blue color made it a conspicuous feature of the little rockery for several weeks. But it was not until this April that we realized what a valuable plant the Phlox is. In the course of a year it had made such good growth that it had become a carpet two feet in diameter. This clump bore hundreds of blossoms large, lasting, and beautiful blue, a little deeper in shade than the so-called Myrtle, or Periwinkle, so common in old-fashioned gardens. But the Periwinkle blossoms are scattered over the trailing plants, and neither last so long, nor make such a sheet of blue. We are so pleased with the Blue Phlox that we are now using it to edge a border of Tea Roses. This border is edged with bricks, and the Phloxes, and other creeping plants, take kindly to the slight protection afforded them by the bricks.

A second rather unusual blue flower that we have tried with best results is called Stokesia cyanea. It belongs to the same family as do the Asters. We have made a little bed for it at the foot of the rock-garden. The plants grow about a foot in height, have narrow leaves, and begin to blossom in July. The flowers, when they opened, were a delight and a surprise, as we had never seen the plant before. They measured two and a half inches across, and were a lovely shade of light, lavender blue, with golden centers. This is one of the most beautiful and easily raised of all blue flowers, and ought to be well known. It requires a fairly good soil, and watering in very dry weather, will last many years, and blooms over two months.

What we call the Blue Bank is a hillock that we pass every time we go out to the hammock under the oaks. This was a bank of stiff clay, where grass and weeds grew, both very sparsely. We had the clay removed to the depth of eighteen inches, and the soil replaced with a rich compost of loam, manure, and a little sand. Here we planted a number of blue flowers, and now it is one of the prettiest features of the place.

Early in April Scillas, and what we call Blue-eyes, begin to blossom there. Blue-eyes are also called Chionodoxas, and Glory-of-the-snow. They have lovely blue flowers with white centers, and should be planted in the fall with the Scillas, as they are bulbs. With these blue flowers we have planted some Poet's Narcissus, for contrast. When these are over the bank is gay with creeping Speedwell, or Veronica gentianoides, a lovely trailer, with sapphire blue flowers. About the same time blooms a pretty wild flower, which we have brought from the woods and naturalized on the bank and in other places. This is Mertensia Virginica, called also Blue-bells, and Virginia Cowslip. It has lovely drooping flower-heads, the buds pink, and the delicate, trumpet-shaped blossoms a clear sky-blue. A mass of this is a fine ornament to the Blue Bank, and it increases and spreads every year in good soil.

Late in the season, the tall, lovely Delphiniums, or perennial Larkspur flower, in exquisite shades of deep, and pearly, blues. This year we obtained some of these plants late in May, and planted a part of the bank with them in rich soil. They flowered through July, and August, sending up grand blooms two and three feet in height. Also some earlier plants were cut down after their first flowering in June, when they began to bloom again in August.

Half a dozen plants of Platycodon grandiflora proved a very good investment for the Blue Bank. These plants last many years, and stand a great deal of neglect. They bloom profusely, and for many weeks. Their flowers are silver-shaped, large, showy, and a fine shade of dark blue.

These are the principal blue flowers that we use. Some of our beds are bordered with blue Ageratum, easily grown from seed. But in this neighborhood a wild flower grows, called Wild Ageratum. Its real name is Eupatorium coelestinum, and it is as pretty as the annual Ageratum and has the advantage of being perfectly hardy, springing up in the same border year after year.

The same can be said of another favorite blue flower that we use here for edging. This is Plumbago Larpentae, or Lady Larpent's Plumbago. The first cost of

a plant or two of this Plumbago is small, and it is easily increased by division. The flowers are very dark blue. It is one of the stand-bys here, living, for many years, and spreading freely. It has the additional merit that its leaves turn lovely shades of red, and fawn after the first frosts, making it very desirable as an edging to a bed of late autumn-blooming flowers, such as Chrysanthemums, or Cosmos.

Space fails me to describe the Blue Cornflowers, Funkias, Jacob's Ladders, and other plants with which we have experimented, but I hope some one will feel encouraged by these simple hints to begin a bed of blue flowers.

The Herbaceous Border.

By Mrs. Anna L. Jack

The culture of mixed perennials and annuals in borders has taken the place of the expensive system of "bedding out" in many well kept gardens. The taste for hardy flowers has come into fashion, and many old favorites, and new importations, give interest to the flower strips that are no longer made into carpet patterns, and crude combinations of color.

Under these circumstances the first question asked by the novice who contemplates making the herbaceous border is, "What can I plant to have flowers in spring, summer and autumn?"

It may be as well to state that at no season will the whole border be gay, any more than the beds of former gardens that had to wait until the coleus grew large and other bedding plants came into bloom and were part of the time what Professor Bailey calls "A hole in the ground," being only gay for a while after mid-summer.

In planting, it is best to avoid all appearance of



Delphinium

formality—since a set rule is antagonistic to the picturesque. For this reason any planting in lines or patterns must be avoided, and the plants grouped in informal masses.

The soil should be rich and deep and if plants are well chosen there will always be color in its adornment. In the spring it will depend largely on bulbs with clumps of such perennials as arabis and alyssum that blossom early. Then the Dicentra spectabilis or Bleeding Heart will show its sprays in May and the Leopard's Bane—for both are early risers. After them the Aquelegias and Iris follow quickly—and the various Campanulas, while the Oriental Poppy blazes out in its dazzling coloring. A study in the harmony of color will be necessary for the best effect and such plants put near together, as blend by contrast. The blue flowers of the Salvia patens, beside a clump of Galtonia candicans is very pleasing, and bloom together, but it is not always easy to reconcile the pink and blue and scarlet when in juxtaposition unless one studies the discordant colors to arrange for their blooming at different seasons of the year. Height must also be considered and the tallest subjects put in the background, with dwarfer plants in front—the line being broken by a shrub or medium sized plant of good foliage, which gives character to the informal border.

Early and late blooming perennials must be so

planted as to harmonize in the color scheme, and a mixture of white flowers is everywhere suitable. Among these are the "Supines," white and blue, that do not take up much room yet are very effective if grouped in the roughest part of the garden, and the white (ablus) is especially suited for the medium height plants of the border. It is a handsome, erect spike of bloom and is readily increased by division in the autumn. Other flowers will readily come to the mind of the interested amateur who wishes constant bloom in the herbaceous border.

Good Taste in Bulb-planting

By Lennie Greenlee

All that is delightful in an early garden is the result of preparation the year before,—a fact well emphasized by the bulb trade. Goodly vessels now sailing away from Holland, from Bermuda and from other shores will bring to our ports heavy cargoes of brown beauties for planting this fall. The bulb is a flower-kodak; you have but to plant it reasonably well at this season. Without further attention, in the still wild weather of early spring, appear its blossoms, warming into life a sward that before its coming was but coldly green.

Happily for us the old heresy that still occasionally flashes out in a star of crimson tulips, centering with mathematical precision a border of yellow ones, is fast dying out. Such arrangements of tulips, hyacinths and narcissi are much to be deplored, not only because the colors so frequently shudder at each other, but because they bring together too many showy flowers, with not enough plain relief. The three sorts of bulbs just mentioned are not impossible neighbors but show best when planted, each in a colony of its own, near some walk, or a shrub background.

The narcissi or daffodils are especially pretty beside any small stream or pond, suggesting the old legend about their origin continually. When planted generously,—naturalized in great clumps or lines among the grass,—Wordsworth's "Dance of the Daffodils," rings through the memory. The dainty polyanthus varieties are so beautiful that they deserve prominence anywhere, in house or garden. In a long, wavy border of the bolder flowering daffies these are pretty to scatter about in clumps of creamy white and yellow, for a bit of variety.

So, too, a long, irregular bed of many-colored tulips, with plenty of white ones sifted through for harmony, is much more tasteful than a formal pattern bed. If dots of bright color on the middle lawn are desired, however, the tulip is just the bulb to give them. No flower is more vivid and cheery in spring, but the colors must be carefully chosen, unless such beds are planted thickly with but one variety. A pretty pink and white contrast may be formed by planting rosy little Cottage Maid with any white variety that blooms at the same time. The white and Yellow Duc van Thols, mingled carelessly together in planting, form a pretty bed. Wouwerman and Joost van Vondel, Prosperine and Queen Victoria, the queer Parrot tulips with late-flowering white sorts, are other harmonious couples.

The hyacinth is fine in detail of flower as well as in fragrance. We like to see and sniff it at closer range than is possible when ostentatiously planted in some great cumbrous bed. As a narrow border for walks, for shrub beds, or for defining the walls of buildings it is well placed.

Every year the beauty of open, grassy areas is more appreciated, until soon may it seem like sacrilege to cut up velvety turf for any purpose not imperative. The same beds that flashed with tulips through March and April may be planted as soon as danger of frosts is over with the gay tenderlings of summer.

Crocuses of all colors can be planted indiscriminately in the same bed. Their cups of purple, gold and white never clash. They always remind me of the rich ornamentation on oriental robes. Few people plant the bulbs thickly enough to show of what bright effects the little flowers are capable. Scattered in clumps among the grass their flowers are jewel-like in early spring. In good soil they hold their own with the grass, too, reappearing with enlarged borders every year. Planted thickly in irregular lines near enough to favorite porches and windows to be plainly seen, the good cheer that this brave little blossom adds to a cold, late spring is very much out of proportion to its size.

Snowdrops and scillas are pretty companions for grouping in some irregular grass plot, or for scattering sparingly along the edge of the lawn. Scilla Siberica's tint of pure, true blue is the most charming in its family. A colony of snowdrops planted in some sunny, sheltered nook will push their white bells up through the snow sometimes, as one of spring's most welcome surprises.

All lilies are lovely enough to deserve a place in the foreground, yet most of them are so modest as to shrink from it. Their roots love the shade of other plants or shrubs; their flowers need the relief of flickering leaf-background, for lilies have not many leaves of their own. A clump of pure white Madonna lilies, or of gold and white Anrattums swaying back

and forth in some shaded nook is one of the fairest sights of the garden. To strengthen the effect at least three or four bulbs should be planted near together. The gypsy-like scarlet martagons, gaudy elegans, superbum and tawny tiger lilies are not so retiring. They will endure more sun, and can be planted anywhere that bright color is desired.

Unfortunately, the dealers in bulbs, unless they be also landscape gardeners, can give to the novice little advice as to tasteful bulb combinations. The huge mathematical designs illustrated in their catalogues have been carefully studied out, perhaps, and they can tell the colors, height, blooming time and number of the bulbs required for each star or crescent. But should you ask for good early or late varieties to combine in a mixed border, an emphatic "All of 'em!" or a blank stare, rewards you.

The need for careful study as to window-box combinations is apparent to everyone. To many the delightful informality which characterizes the most beautiful and natural outdoor gardens seems entirely haphazard and unstudied. In reality it is the result of much thought, careful planning and close observation. The spring bulbs offer delightful possibilities to all who will pay this tribute. In closing let me plead for more plentiful and closer planting, and for closer imitation of natural planting, such as Ruskin paints in his Lamp of Memory of the joyful company of flowers in Jura pastures: "All were coming forth in clusters crowded for very love; there was room enough for all, but they crushed their leaves into all manner of strange shapes only to be nearer each other. There was the wood anemone, star after star, closing every now and then into nebulae; and there was the oxalis, troop by troop, like virginal processions of the Moiss de Marie, the dark, vertical clefts in the limestone choked up with them, as with heavy snow, and touched with ivy on the edges—ivy as light and lovely as the vine; and ever and anon, a blue gush of violets and cowslip bells in sunny places; and in the more open ground the vetch, and comfrey and mezereon, and the small sapphire buds of the Polygala alpina, and the wild strawberry, just a blossom or two, all showered amidst the golden softness of deep, warm, amber-colored moss."

The Peony Garden

By Sarah A. Pleas

The peony has reigned supreme in my own garden for four decades. I have called it "queen of the garden" and maintain it is the most worthy sovereign, but here comes one James Helway of European celebrity, in the American Florist, declaring, "I look upon the peony as the king of the out door garden, and when I give it this title I hope I have the forgiveness of the countless subjects of the queen of flowers, and that they will reflect that it is couched in the masculine gender. The rose, perhaps, possesses a little more of feminine sweetness and grace, but the peony clothed with great beauty, and sweetness withal, has a larger share of the manly attributes, hardness and vigor. It is admirably equipped to withstand the severity of the British climate, etc., etc." I yield gracefully to its re-christening. All hail to king peony. No more regal flower ever waved its colors to the summer breeze, or gave its sweetness to admiring subjects. Skeleton roses on every side mark the untimely graves of many fond hopes.

We need not take up arms against fungus diseases, scale, blight, fly, slug, canker worm or harlequin bug in defence of our king. These are the companions of the fair queen. Our king is immense and we are happy.

As early as 1856 I added to my officionallis and Whitley a few of the best imported peonies. As they outgrew their environments I offered them for sale. But few florists handled hardy plants and knew only the old double red and white kinds. It was useless to discount on the merits of other kinds, they said, "there is no call for them." I must bide my time, my interest unabated, until a florist was found to handle what officionallis I could furnish, getting them in April, often after the shoots were several inches high. My advice to plant them in fall carried no weight.

Most florists when first buying, requested information on increasing and cultivating them. Incidentally I began growing them from seeds, and by experience have wrested from them all the secrets of their immense size and ponderous crops of flowers, how and when to increase by division, and to grow these from seeds, which is as simple and sure as to grow a crop of garden vegetables.

My zeal has never waned. In my modest way I have sung their praises in season and out of season both at home and through the magazines. Florists learned the advantage of fall planting. It took them longer to learn that they would not bloom "the second or third year" from seed as they persisted in saying. It may have seemed a long time to ask their patrons to wait for flowers, when they had handled only bedding plants.

In 1900 "there came a new hand to the bellows." A retired minister from Nebraska, whose gift of oratory had been long cultivated, saying he had worked hard and long, needed rest, and had gone west to recuperate, and wanted to grow flowers. He said "the children of the King have a right to the best, you are working to great disadvantage. I have land as rich as

it can be made. I can do better by you than you can do by yourself. If you have kinds that are crowded and haven't a place for, send them on to me." In reply I furnished him with nearly fifty of my best kinds. After a few years, when they had made such long, strong roots as I had never seen, their flowers were so gratifying that he broke out in a rhapsody of praise in the "American Florist" that struck the key note.

I have kept my hand on the public pulse for all these years, and I believe I am safe in saying it has been felt all over the gardening world.

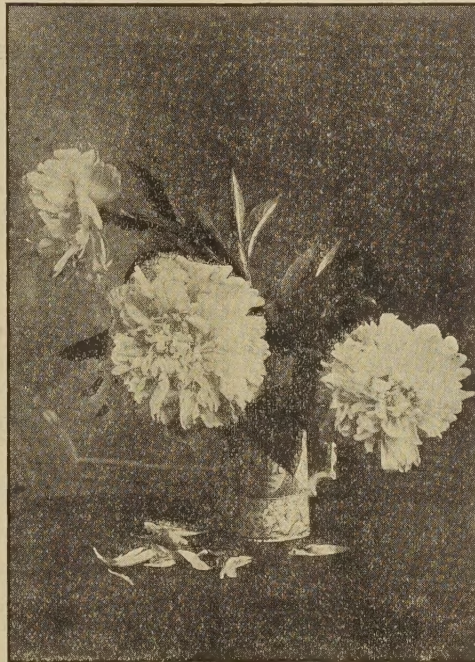
I at once began receiving orders and letters of inquiry by the hundred. The receding wave carrying orders to the old countries. The awakening had come, prices went up, good stock was scarce and hard to find. Since then, stock in good peonies has been "good as old wheat."

We may not yet have reached perfection in the earliest or latest kinds, or in the sweetest yellow flowers. I doubt if even the "Wizard" can give us prettier ones, or a peony that will be remontant.

California Chat

By Georgina Townsend

The spring rains this year in California have been ideal. A soft soaking rain for twenty-four hours, then clear balmy growing weather for a week or ten days. The ground has been as mellow as meal, consequently I have dug and delved to my heart's content. I see few perennials here, and at this time of the year, it is a great pleasure to me to see mine pushing their way up through the mellow ground. There is the perennial larkspur, called the Bee Larkspur. It blooms all summer, and the color is a softer blue



Peony

than the annual, and the flower is oddly formed. The long heavily loaded spikes are very handsome used as cut flowers. Near it is the Parisian Wall Flower with its clear yellow blossoms, and the two harmonize very happily.

I am a great admirer of the Funkias. I think it is very foolish to class the Hemerocallis with them, for there is nothing alike about the two kinds except the fact that the lilies of each last but one day. But of the Funkias the variegated leaf is, of course, the most beautiful. I have no fancy leaf plant with such an exquisite coloring. Its flowers are lavender. The common "Day Lily" has the broad glossy leaves and exquisite white flowers so fragrant and so fleeting. The one with broad leaves and dark blue flowers is not so generally known, but is just as worthy a place in the garden as his white sister. Then there is the Funkia with narrow leaves and light blue flowers. The leaves of all the Funkias are alike in the ribbing.

My phlox bed is fast becoming the pride of my yard. A very large circular bed was made for the first few varieties I had, and into it has gone a few new choice varieties each year, until now the bed is filled. They will do well in such a bed, where one can mulch them in the fall and spade around them in the spring. There are so many beautiful varieties now, that it is a pleasure to care for them, as their blooming season is so long, and they are so fragrant. The varieties with one color petals and a different eye, are very handsome. The herbaceous spirea and the hibiscus are also among the class which comes up year after year.

This class of plants is excellent, because one can winter them in a cold climate by covering with straw or leaves. Peonies also belong to this class, as well as iris. I have not had extra success with peonies in California but as one never sees any, I keep trying, and am fitting up a bed this year, corresponding to the phlox bed. Bleeding Heart and Lily of the Valley have both failed time and again with me.

The new red daisy is getting a large amount of advertising just now and is very handsome; called the Transvaal Daisy. Like the Shasta Daisy, its price will probably come to a reasonable figure by another year so that everyone who desires can afford it.

A new heliotrope is also being exploited. It is a pinkish, and such a color must be exquisite, but as yet the stock is limited. Heliotropes do exceptionally well in California, especially where it is frostless. One of mine is eight feet high and as many across, and a mass of color the whole year around.

The new Groff gladioli were a sensation here last year. The blues and slaty ones were particularly peculiar. This year, the price of them is within the amateur's reach, so doubtless many more will be seen.

The Princess of Wales Violet has been a great success with us. It is enormous, of a lovely blue, no violet tint about it, and just a waft of fragrance to it. Its long stems make it fine for cutting. The Mlle. Millet Violet is an exquisite pinkish shade very odd and different from anything else I have in the violets. I keep my Swanley White and my single English White violets separate from the blue violets, as the white ones color up when close to the others. The single white is exquisite. It is not very large, but its fragrance is delicious. It has a pale blue spur which gives it a very dainty appearance.

The iris family outdoes itself for me. And nothing is handsomer. They bloom early, in January and February, when they are extremely welcome, as flowers then are scarcer than at any other time of the year.

Tritelia Bulbs

By Priscilla Lansden

The summer is a good time to collect our bulbs or make out the lists for winter blooming or autumn planting. There are a variety of bulbs that produce clusters of blossoms and that can be depended upon to produce blossoms when other plants fail through lack of sun or warmth. One great advantage the bulbs have over other plants lies in their adaptability.

When they are through blooming they can be set away in their jars and after a few months' rest can be repotted and soon they will delight the eye anew.

The small bulbs that are offshoots can be put by themselves until they are blooming size. Care must be taken not to crowd too many into one jar. Four in a quart can be quite enough. Tritelias are so clean and fresh looking. When the bulbs are large enough the sheath-like bud shoots up beside the leaf stalk in almost a night's time. The blossom is star-shaped and each petal is tipped with the clearest lavender, reminding one of bright eyes in the grass-like foliage. These bulbs are hardy and can be planted in the ground in autumn and will bloom in spring. They would make a fine covering for the ground between early single tulips. Another bulb deserving praise and requiring same treatment is the Star of Bethlehem. Its blossoms are pure white. The Allium is a species belonging in the class with our common onion. One variety having yellow blossoms blooms freely and makes a fine contrast with the other colors.

The Scillian can be depended to produce the blue flower in the bulb collection.

Floral Notes

By H. Woods

For a slender graceful vine which will produce abundance of good blossoms there is nothing better for winter than the Tuberos-Rooted Tropaeolum tricolor.

Nothing needs to be done to make an Otahete Orange bloom. It is only necessary to keep the plant in a healthy condition and it will be sure to bloom as soon as it is good for it.

Bermuda Buttercup Oxalis will make a window bright with its golden yellow blossoms all winter. Plant five or six bulbs in a five-inch pot and it will be one solid sheet of yellow.

Allow small Tuberos begonias to dry off, in the pots in which they are growing and keep them dry in a frost-proof place till spring then repot in fresh soil. They will bloom next season.

Look out for plant scale; it often makes progress on Ivies, Rubber Trees, etc., before its presence is suspected. At first it is almost invisible and clings very close; hot soap-suds will dislodge it.

Anemones sometimes bloom elegantly in pots; yet again, without apparent cause they will prove a down right failure. Keep them moist and fairly cool; a dry hot atmosphere is ruinous.

If Dahlia bulbs are kept in a cellar made warm and dry by furnace heat, it will be well to place them in boxes of soil or sand or the tubers may become dry and shrivel, thus losing much of their vitality.

Nutting in October.

Who has no sunshine in his heart
May call the autumn sober;
But boys with pulses leaping wild,
Should love the brown October.

Along the lake and on the hill
The ruddy oaks are glowing,
And merry winds are out at night,
Through all the forest blowing.

Hurrah! the nuts are dropping ripe
In all the wildwood bowers;
We'll climb as high as squirrels go,
We'll shake them down in showers.

—Emily Huntington Miller



Nuttin' Time.

There's just the biggest kind of fun
When nuttin' time comes round,
When miles of country 'round about,
Show trees where nuts abound.

When yellow leaves are driftin' down
From trees on hill and crest,
And lively squirrels frisk and leap
On the limbs about their nest.

When the shafts of golden sunlight
Fill the forest home with joy,
'Tis time to go a nuttin'
Don't it fill your heart with joy?

—N. J. Metcalf.

Wm. L. Foster

Abilene the Second THE WAY TO THE FACTORY

By Susie E. Kennedy.

"YOU needn't be hanging around here, Nellie Dearborn. You can't play with my little sister."

A great lump rose in Nellie's throat. She had been looking forward so long to this time.

"I guess it's almost two weeks," she sobbed, as she picked up her dolly and started to go back to the house.

"I think Horace is real mean. What did he tell me so much about her for, if he wasn't going to let me play with her? She is so pretty and wears such a lovely dress. I don't believe Horace will ever play with me again, for I'm not pretty, and I can't wear lovely dresses. O dear! O dear!" and poor Nellie fell to the ground in a limp little heap. "I don't care if I do muss my clean dress. It isn't a bit pretty."

These two children lived in the same house and had played together days and weeks and months. They seldom disagreed. Horace always being ready to give up his out-of-doors fun to play in the house with Nellie, if the weather was bad, and Nellie quite as willing to lay aside dolls and tea-set to go out with him. Nellie was an only child, and Horace lived with his aunt.

Nellie had often heard Horace speak of his little sister who lived with another aunt in a distant city, but she had never visited him before. When she saw her, she did not wonder that Horace was pleased, but it did seem too bad to be entirely set aside for a stranger.

"He isn't near so well acquainted with her as he is with me, if she is his sister," she wailed, hugging Abilene very closely, and rocking back and forth as she sat on the ground. "You're all the comfort I've got, and I love you dearly."

The doll looked up with smiling blue eyes, in which Nellie tried in vain to find a hint of sympathy.

"Of course you don't care about it, as I do. You don't know what it is to lose your only, only friend, for you've got me."

Nellie hugged her dolly to her heart and, laying her tired little head upon a mossy hummock, soon sobbed herself to sleep. She did not know how long she had lain there, but was awakened at last

by great drops of rain falling pit-pat on her hot cheeks. In her haste she dropped Abilene and did not miss her until ready for bed. Of course no one could go out in that pouring rain to find her, so Nellie again sobbed herself to sleep.

She was eating her breakfast when Horace came running in, holding Abilene by her dripping skirts, all the beauty washed out of her waxen face.

"I'm so sorry, Nellie," he said, with real trouble in his brown eyes. "I think Grace will let you play with her dolly. I'll run and ask her."

In a moment he was back bringing his little sister with him. She did not wait to be introduced, but stepping up to Nellie held out the prettiest doll she had ever seen.

"Will you let me give you this dolly, please?"

"What, your very own?" cried Nellie, holding her hands tight, so that they would not take it. "You can't spare it. I couldn't have spared Abilene."

"This is different, don't you see? My auntie bought her for me to take on the train, and I haven't learned to love her yet. She hasn't a name, even."

"Oh!" but Nellie still held her hands very tight.

"Please take her," pleaded Grace, "I shall be ever so much happier if you will."

Nellie stretched out both hands. She could not hold them any longer.

"May I name her Abilene?" she whispered.

Look Before You Leap.

Do not begin a job until you are prepared to carry it through and know what the result will be. Clearing up the roadside, according to the oft repeated injunction, frequently results in exposing a mass of loose rocks which would have looked much better with the wild vines and shrubbery growing over and among them. Making artificial rockwork in the dooryard and destroying better samples by the roadside are only methods of showing that something has been done, and this is too often regarded as all that is desired, the effect and beauty being secondary considerations.—N. E. Farmer.

A FEW years after the Civil war, we took up our abode in the South. An enterprising northern man lived a few miles from us who found, when the cotton crop was so unreliable on account of the disturbed state of labor, that beans and peas proved quite profitable. In order to ship these to a market, he made boxes for his use, and also made for others who ventured in the same line of trade. His place was soon known as the "Box Factory."

We had not lived very long in the South when we began to appreciate the balmy air, the English twilight, the sunsets, with the beautifully tinged clouds, which artists found so seldom.

Then the songsters; we could not find words to express the melody of their notes,—and words could never portray the exquisite colors of their plumage. To see and hear them was living in a rapture. We often wrote of this to our friends, and one day we were rewarded by an artist coming from a northern city to make us a short visit before extending the trip to Florida.

The man of the box factory was also an acquaintance, but he lived six miles away, and we had no conveyance to take us there. Horses were too scarce to think of hiring, but we knew a workman who went each morning to the factory, and perhaps his mule would not object to an extra seat in the wagon for our benefit. We would open our pocket-books and offer the man a generous inducement to talk it over with the mule.

Unfortunately, he was not going to the factory that day, but he would gladly accept our money and rent us the little wagon and mule.

"Oh, my! we could not drive a mule! We would be afraid! Mules, they say, are awfully stubborn and so tricky that they kick! Oh, no, we would not dare go that way without a good driver."

But the man laughed, and being bent on a bargain, said: "That mule is gentle. He is so gentle that I could put my baby on the seat, and tie the reins around the dashboard, and I would have no fear for the baby, if he only sat still, for that mule would go straight out to the factory."

Well, that sounded all right, as we

neither of us knew the way and very little about driving a horse, and nothing about a mule.

"But you are surely certain the mule knows the way?"

"Yes, certain. You can go to sleep and that mule will go on the right road and stop when he gets to the office near the factory."

In a little while the rickety old wagon and the mule were ready. There was no back to the seat—it was a plain board but we cared little for comfort, inasmuch as we got there safely, and we sat down and pronounced it "fine."

But the mule turned his head and looked at us so suspiciously, and put back his ears so pointedly at us, that we once more wished to be assured that he was perfectly gentle.

"Perfectly gentle! Just hold the reins slack and let him go his own gait. He will go slow but he will get there all right."

"But suppose we meet a team and have to turn out on the road?"

"That is not likely, ladies, I assure you! He has been used to taking short cuts before reaching the main road; the main road is wide as a field."

He handed us the reins, which we were to hold slack, gave the mule a slap, and with a loud "gee-up there," as a parting salutation we were started for the box factory.

The mule, on his good behavior, took us through the village at a respectful speed, while the people here and there looked after us as though they recognized him in particular and knew the wagon held strangers that did not know him as well, and we felt somewhat abashed, for we thought they knew we did not know how to drive.

A short distance out there came the unexpected. There seemed to be only a goose path between brush wood and scrub oaks, when a little darkey driving an ox cart, held the right of way.

"Why don't you 'se keep you 'se side ob de way? You mule you. Now you jes git dar. Tink you own de airth. I know's you ole factry mule!" The mule took a stubborn stand still and the little darkey and the little ox stood their ground.

When we explained that we were strangers and did not know the road or how to drive a mule, the darkey took off his cap to us and scraped a bow most politely with his feet, and begged pardon, "kase he was jes' talking to dat ole mule."

Then he led his little ox into the brush-wood and came and gave the mule a slap, and told him to "g'wann dar; and mine now where you gwine 'fore you dump dem misses out'en de groun'."

When we were safely through his narrow way, our hats were worse for wear, and our hair pins had been left as souvenirs of the eventful pass.

When we emerged into the broad field, there was a wheel track, much overgrown with sedge-grass, where the mule stopped and ate at his leisure, without any respect to his drivers' entreaties. All the "gee-ups" and slaps with the reins did not make him move 'till he was ready.

Suddenly, as if struck by a thought, he trotted off so fast that we were obliged to give the reins full slack while we held on tightly to the board-seat for safety.

"Whoa—whoa—whoa," from us both in a full gush of excitement, did not have any more effect in checking his

tired and very glad when we saw the sign of the factory. We halted in a gentle manner in front of a candy shop where the mule had no doubt often taken the baby so safely, and a pretty pleasant-faced girl came out and said: "Good morning, muley, have a candy." She stroked his face and fed him candy, and he appreciatively walked on to the steps in front of the factory.

After spending a pleasant hour, and bidding adieu, we again seated ourselves in the wagon, took up the reins to let people see we could drive, holding them slack when out of their sight, and felt well satisfied that the intent of the mule was homeward. He had in a measure retrieved his reputation and we were ready to recommend him and his owner with good moral character, until we were obliged to change our minds at the cross-roads. The mule stopped to consider; he looked side-wise back at us to see if we were considering too.

We, not knowing the right road home, must either guess at it or trust the option of the mule. "Pull the right rein," said I in a knowing manner.

"If I only knew the right rein," said my friend laughingly. So the mule was coaxed and hit with the reins and told to gee-up, but he was not through con-

running as fast as he could go, turned a corner so abruptly that we just grazed a lamp post and nearly upset the wagon.

On he ran, with a crowd of children just out of school following and yelling—"a runaway"—and as he dashed past our house an old darkey shouted, "Down you'se heads, misses! Down 'em quick! Kase dat mule is gwine for he's stable." And with a rush, in went mule, wagon and all.—*Mary Harris McQueen.*

A Trick of Time.

Ask any person to think of some hour of the day; tell him to deduct it from twenty and remember the remainder. You take out your watch and inform him that you are going to count around on the dial, and that when you have counted the number corresponding with the remainder that he must remember, he must stop you.

Suppose he thought of five o'clock. Five taken from twenty leaves fifteen remainder. You now count promiscuously (mentally, not orally) pointing at each count with a pencil to one of the hours on the dial (which must be provided in advance and is made by cutting out a circle of cardboard and marking on it with ink the twelve figures of the clock-face.)

Be sure when you make the eighth count to point to the "twelve," and thence in regular rotation backward toward the left. When you come to the figure "five" you will be stopped, as this will be the fifteenth count, corresponding to the remainder—fifteen—which he was to remember. You will thus know that five o'clock was the hour thought of.

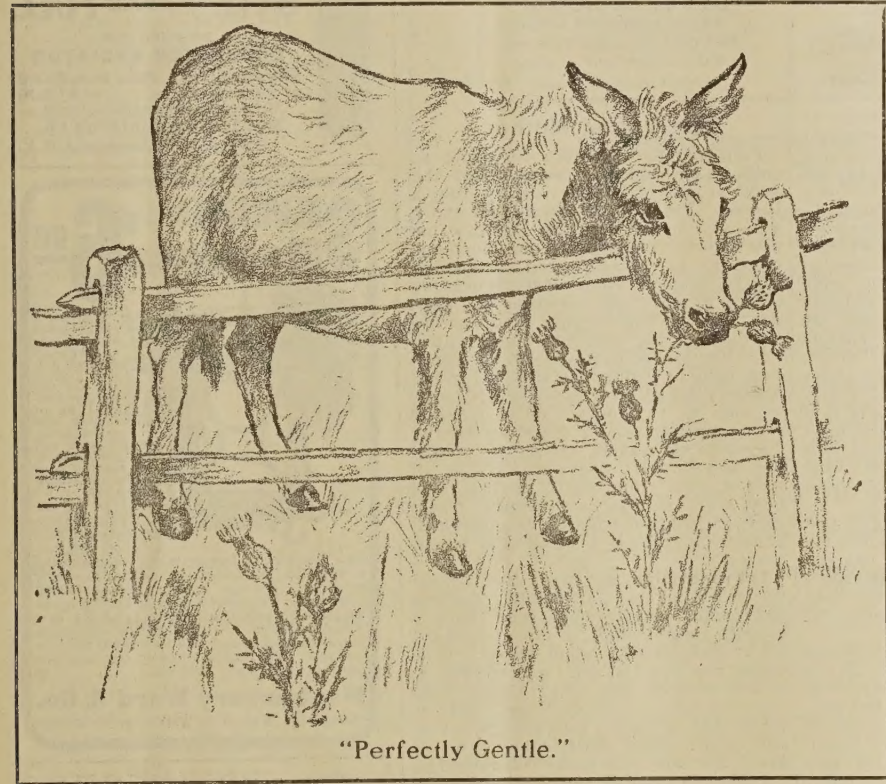
If this trick be repeated more than two or three times, it is well to vary the number from which the deduction is to be made. Thus, instead of deducting as in the foregoing example, five from twenty, the person addressed may be told to deduct the hour thought of from eighteen; but as eighteen is only six more than twelve, you must be sure to make your sixth (not the eighth) promiscuous count be at the figure "twelve" on the dial.

In the first example, with twenty, the eighth count was made at "twelve" because twenty is eight more than twelve. If twenty-two be the number adopted, the tenth count must be made on figure "twelve," twenty-two being ten more than twelve—and so on with any other number.

When your friends see you are able to tell the time they thought of from different numbers to be deducted from, then they will be more mystified than ever and will become convinced you are a real mind reader, if you don't let them into the secret.

Intelligence of Dogs.

A shepherd in Scotland to prove the value of his dog, which was lying before the fire in the house where we were talking, said to me in the middle of a sentence concerning something else: "I'm thinking, sir, the cow is in the potatoes." The dog, which appeared to be asleep, immediately jumped up, and leaping through the open window, scrambled up the turf roof of the house, where he could see the potato field. He then, not seeing the cow, ran and looked into the hyre where she was, and finding that all was right came back to the house. The shepherd said the same thing again, when the dog once more made his patrol. But on the doubt being uttered a third time, it got up, looked at its master, and when he laughed, growled and curled up again by the fire.



"Perfectly Gentle."

speed than if he was "deaf as a mule," and he did not slacken his speed till he stopped short in front of a kind of shop.

When we got our breath and had straightened up, we asked doubtfully: "Is this the box-factory?"

"Naw," answered a bleared-eyed man, "It's the store."

There were tubs, washboards, brooms, hoes and rakes and many things outside the door, while inside there seemed to be sundry groceries and cotton cloth, spool thread and things most needed by country people. Then there were barrels, kegs, and bottles, some glassware, plugs of tobacco and clay pipes. Two men sat smoking. One came and inquired if we wanted anything; said there was "sasprilla" inside.

We informed him that we did not drive up, that the mule simply run us up; all we wanted was to get to the box factory.

He kindly pointed to the road at the end of the field, called the mule an old reprobate, and said: "It you'se wants a drink," then took an old rusty pail tied to a rope, and lowered it into a spring which nature had supplied, and gave the thirsty mule his drink which so refreshed him that he trotted off without his accustomed slap, and we were again traveling on our way to the box factory. The sun was shining bright, we were warm and

sidering, and the more threats that we used only made him stand firm with his ears like points to all our exclamations.

"Well, suppose we must accept the situation. May as well laugh as cry. Am glad he is kind enough to stop where we have shade of these lovely pine-trees. Oh, what large cones, how I would like to gather some to take home. I wonder if we have a long time to wait this mule's pleasure." So, out gathering comes my friend when the mule started on a fast trot. It was a long race before my friend was able to catch hold of the back of the wagon and with our combined efforts scrambled in with the bunch of historic pine-cones.

The mule had taken the right road, which did not lead by the store where he usually took his drink and where the "sas'prilla" was inside.

A black cloud and a sudden streak of lightning, with a sharp clap of thunder foretold a southern summer storm, and while we feared a heavy downfall of rain with no protection, the mule had evidently made up his mind to reach home before he was soaked, and he put in his best 2.40 time.

We were both glad to let the reins slack and hold on with both hands for when the next clap of thunder came we were just inside the village and the mule

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Forgetting.

There are days, you know, when things "don't go,"
And living's a dismal affair;
With nerves afit you are all upset,
With your worry and work and care,
Then is the time to put on your hat,
(And also a cheerful smile)
Skip out in the street some friend to greet—
Forget yourself for awhile!

Make fun of your woes. That always "goes"
With the fellow who has them, too,
And he'll soon begin to fetch a grin
So as not to be beat by you:
And if he is gay it will wear away
The troubles which on you pile;
Put worry "in soak" with laugh and joke—
Forget yourself for a while!

From Spare Moments.

form of real relaxation. "Joy is the grace we say to God." Be a blessed optimist if you can—if not, pretend you are one! My heart aches to see so many starving on husks of duty and dying daily as self decreed martyrs right in the midst of golden privileges grown too commonplace by use. So too, familiarity might breed contempt for angels were they our daily guests. Terribly real troubles often teach us what blessings remain for us and waken us to live our lives instead of barely, grumblingly existing.

"Life is real, life is earnest
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul."

Longfellow.

The Young Mother.

Preparing the Layette.—No topic so enthruses me, and most women feel the same, as that of a dear, dainty baby's layette. Every item interests me and I am searching and studying steadily for new or better methods. I am much opposed to an inexperienced seamstress who is a young, nervous expectant mother, trying to obey the mandates of "they say" and bending over her needle or the machine during precious hours which—for true love of baby—should be spent exercising or bathing, or studying to influence prenatally for good the little soul so soon to be launched on an ocean of stern experiences. I therefore always suggest to my readers, may rather appeal, that they consider what a tiny saving (if any) all their efforts could produce and how much daintier are certain ready made garments of scientific exactness and perfect finish and—I claim—the truest economy.

Let us imagine, my dear, that before us lies a little chest, all daintily padded and scented, and the magic word "Baby" carved, embroidered, or done in poker-work; designates its future owner. It is empty now and you and I are to fill it as well as stock the little basket with items for baby's first day's use, and, I hope, add a padded weighing basket to our outfit. What shall we buy or make first? Ah, now I am happily launched!

I never think of the conventional outfit without a shudder because of the bands! stiff enough—bound smoothly over a prickly, woolly shirt and knit band. I admire those independent babies who shriek their protest. Remove some causes and any normal baby will not cry. Sometime ago a mother wrote me in distress, that her dear babe cried constantly; there was good cause to fear prenatal shock in this case—as her husband had been suddenly killed during her pregnancy. Happily the cause was a fault of digestion; she reports a happy healthy baby now. Babies, my dear, of nervous tendencies, can not be "good" if improperly dressed or fed. They are at first just like cute little pets of the purely animal order, and cuddle close for warmth and comfort, quiet and rest. So choose with greatest care those garments which shall touch Baby's skin.

You need not make your "bands" by crochet hook or knitting needle but buy a pair—adult size—of fine hose in the material you elect to use. If for chilly spring or early fall, thin cashmere or gauze merino, silk, or silk and wool. To get an idea of size width you may buy a sample band but I consider six inches very good to cover abdominal region and protect navel while healing. Just cut your hose and get four bands out of one pair! Bind the raw edges with wash silk laid thin and flat. Use tiny safety pins

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to adjust these and avoid huge, bungling ones. For cold weather use heavy knit cashmere bands or heavy silk.

Next the shirts. Here I am bewildered by the variety to choose from and the need to suit climate and season—aye and the baby, for of my own seven, three required exactly opposite grades for health to avoid colds. The others needed good warm wool and warm rooms too. For spring babies I like the Rubens shirt in proper weight—and one of the many virtues of this brand of shirts is the diversity of textures in which it is supplied,—because there are no buttons on these shirts and the method of closing is very good protection during teething, when bowel disorders arise from sudden chilling.

The main object is to use right textures and not too much weight. Knit fabrics are always preferable to close meshed ones for health. A line of knit or "open meshed" linen garments is now supplied and linen possesses qualities for certain uses, seasons, and for some people which no other can supply.

Just one indulgence do I make for fond and sentimental mothers who crave to weave dreams of the future into the small garments, to make souvenirs of these blissful, busy days. It is not against my rule to enjoy out door life for you can carry this bit of fancy work with you and seated under some tree you can crochet or knit little loves of silk booties, or after a pleasant stroll how cozy to sit by the fire with these in colder seasons, and happily dream as your fingers fly. No nicer souvenir can you preserve and the home made silk bootee has no rival sentimentally or practically.

Kissing Bend.

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could lay out such a superb driveway as this: A dozen miles straight as a foot rule, smooth as a floor, double track, bicycle and foot paths, all bordered and interlined with palms, oleanders, eucalyptus, pampas and century plants and—

"But where does the romanticism come in?"

"Just you wait, we're coming to that, little wifey."

"Eugene! There are people before and behind us. Oh be careful, there's a team coming up," as the horses twitched at their bridles.

"What?—more vigilance; but we agreed on old-married folks' ways, you remember."

"Is this the end of the avenue?" her reply bespoke a slightly hostile mood.

"Not much! This is where the romance comes in. As I said before the drive is as straight as a string for half its distance, then sheers suddenly at right angles from its course for exactly the length of a kiss; then resumes its arrow-like way and the proprieties of the broad prairies. There are miles of open road free to married and single; with only this one little spot sacred to the god of Kisses. Lovers call it 'Kissing Bend.'"

"Are the devotees thankful?"

"Well, rather; and a fellow that can't find courage to propose, take his 'Yes,' and kiss on the out trip, has a chance on the return; but if that doesn't bring him to time, why, the girl concludes he's hopeless, and bestows her smiles elsewhere. Serve him right, wouldn't it?" Eugene's good humor was irresistible; and as they entered the slight curve in the avenue, Florence smiled and glanced back, Eugene glanced ahead, and, well, for a moment that seeming square bounded by waving palms and pink-tufted oleanders shut them in.

Upon their return, Eugene drove down J street and halted before a florist's window; when he came out of the shop he carried white flowers.

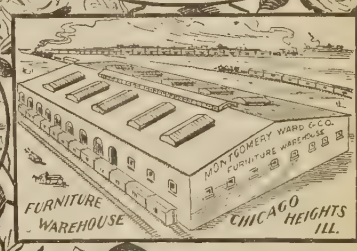
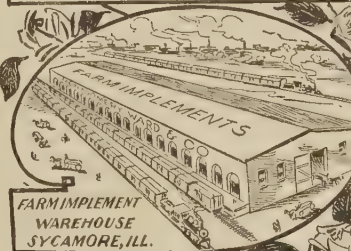
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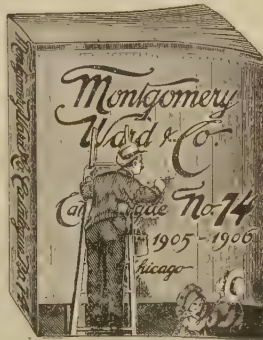
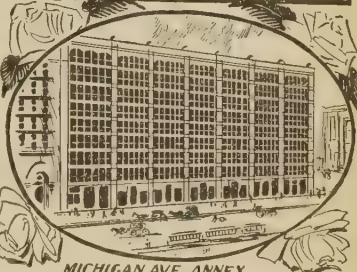
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"School."

BY JOSEPHINE WORTHINGTON.

"Ours is not the creed of the weakling and the coward; ours is the gospel of hope and triumphant endeavor."
 School has begun, the first charm of novelty has worn off and traits are beginning to develop. Some day, one of the children will rush in with the outburst "I think our teacher is just as mean and unfair as she can be!" Perhaps after enquiring into the matter we may find that it is not really worth contending over, but granted that the teacher has been a little unjust, what attitude shall the parent take?

It is more natural to side with the child than with the teacher, but it may not bring the result that we wish, namely that he shall do his very best work in school. It is the child's first taste of the great world's injustice and while we may give him our sympathy—he must learn how to get along with it and see things from another's point of view and remember there are forty other pupils to be considered, each with different dispositions and home training.

The personality of a good teacher is a great force in character building and while no one may have all the virtues, yet each conscientious teacher stands for some good. Induce the children to see the good qualities and there will be a better cooperation.

Isn't it worth while to spend one day each term in visiting the school and teacher? It is safe to say about one-fifth of the parents find time to do it. In cities and large towns it is a good plan to invite all the teachers—that have our children in charge in both day and Sunday school—to spend a social evening in the home. It will make it easier for her to understand the peculiarities of disposition and environment.

No elaborate entertainment is necessary; a few games well planned and time to really visit with each one.

The average instructor has so short an acquaintance with her pupils that she may unconsciously be led to over-stimulate the child who excels in one branch, not knowing so well as the parent in what to push ahead and in what to hold back to produce the well-rounded, harmonious development.

On the other hand a parent sees things at too near a focus and while it may not always contribute to our self esteem it is a healthy thing to study another's point of view.

In the kindergarten a child has to learn to adjust himself to get along with others of the same age and tastes, in other words to find his place in the social world. Perhaps some live too far from school to take advantage of this early training, if so it is yet possible to read some books which give an idea of the principles that underlie true education. "Reminiscences of Froebel" by Baroness von Buelow; "The Point of Contact in Teaching" and "Beckonings from Little Hands" by Pattison du Bois; "A Study of Child Nature" by Elizabeth Harrison; "A Mother's Ideals" by Andrea Hofer Proudfoot; "Hints on Child Training" by H. C. Trumbull; Froebel's "Education of Man" edited by N. T. Harris. These are a few of the books that greatly help any mother. It will be more helpful to understand them if they can be read aloud by two or three mothers in turn during the mending hour each week.

When from any cause a child begins to lose interest in his studies, a parent's encouragement or advice at just the right time will often be invaluable later in life. Sometimes it is the teacher who adds the needed spur. I have in mind a boy who had almost failed in arithmetic every year up to his fourteenth year. The teacher interested the parents in his taking a few private lessons and finally his father offered him a prize if he would pass into the next grade with a good standing.
 How that boy did work! Not only on

the daily problems but to overcome difficulties in the past. I am glad to say he reached a standing of ninety-two per cent in the final examination and that was not made out by his own teacher.

A little child just beginning to read may be helped at home by making a list of some of the words used in the first reader—cut these words out of some old paper and paste on cards, then let the child put them together to make sentences, treating it as play. Anagram letters are not so good as the use of all capital letters is confusing.

I know of one mother who hears spelling words for one child while the hair is being brushed and occasionally gives problems in mental arithmetic to another as an accompaniment to dishwashing.

Even games can be bought with reference to an educational value—such as Geography games, Fraction work, dissected maps, being careful to get those that are not too difficult.

The maps can be made at home some rainy day by cutting out states or countries from an old map and mounting them on cardboard.

It is also a great help to cut out all educational articles from every magazine and paper as soon as it is read. If you do not wish to keep the magazine remove the wires. The articles may be classified into "Historical," "Lives of Great Men," "Places of Interest," etc.

One mother who follows this plan says that hardly a week passes without reference to these scrap books.

The home reading is too large a subject for this article but in the November number of Vick's Magazine I will give a list of books suited to interest children of different ages. It is a help in history for the younger children to read such books as "The American History Stories" by Mara Pratt, and the older ones will enjoy such historical novels as "Queen Louise of Prussia" by Miss Muhlbach or the "Egyptian Princess" by George Ebers.

I was interested in the experience of two High School girls—one took up a variety of studies as they appealed to her taste with the result that near her graduation she found she could not enter college without two years' work in one or two subjects that she had entirely neglected. The other girl during her summer vacation sent for catalogues to several colleges and made out a list of the subjects required to enter. Then when she planned her course in High School she made sure of all these subjects and added others as her time and strength allowed. It is wise to think and plan ahead, especially in these days when young people have so many opportunities in which to earn their way through college.

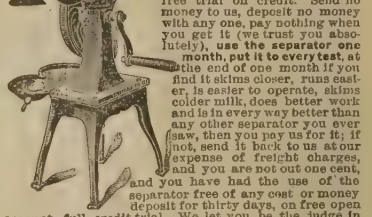
There is just one more matter I wish to touch upon and that is praise. Praise should be for the effort not always for the result. Some children can spell almost any word without ever looking at the lesson. Do they need praise for being perfect every day? Most assuredly not—that other child who has studied an hour and perhaps misses three or four words needs it much more. The same is true of almost any line of study—some have special aptitude for certain subjects and their success is reward enough, but the one who works hard to overcome defects of training or heredity, needs all the encouragement that is possible. For "He that overcometh shall inherit all things."

Apple Sauce.

One tires of ordinary apple sauce, and for a change, cooking the apple sauce in the oven is most acceptable. Cut the apples in large quarters and sprinkle them with sugar. Place them in an earthen pudding dish and leave them in a slow oven for several hours. Flavor them with small chips of lemon peel if they are lacking in taste. When ready to take out they should be a rich red and in perfect form.

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Health Ideas.

BY MARY E. HARDY.

How to be healthy, wealthy and wise! The subject is immense as a whole, and even when it is divided into three parts still each division is vast. But it is only with the first part—healthy—that we have to do.

Out door walks and plenty of fruit is most certainly the combination forming my health rules; and to show whether or not I am justified in believing in it I have taken no drugs prescribed by a physician in the past ten years. Rain or sunshine, sleet or snow, every morning I take a brisk walk but not a long one. Then in the middle or warmer part of the day I take another outing.

Sweets, not pastry, Nature demands; and there is no harm in using them with due moderation. Candy has never yet made me sick, but then I eat just as much fruit, such as apples and bananas, morning, noon and night.

If when you get up in the morning your head feels heavy and your mouth tastes bad, take a glass of hot water with a tiny spoonful of salt dissolved in it. In less than an hour you will feel better.

For constipation there is nothing better than the juice or liquid from stewed fruit. Drink all of it you can; it is good and will do you good.

On the other side, if you eat too much fruit in hot weather, just measure five drops of oil of cinnamon in a spoonful of water and take it. It will give you almost instant relief from that deathly sickness.

There is nothing better for biliousness than a whole lemon and just as little sugar as you can possibly use. Then, too, if you are threatened with a heavy cold roast a lemon and squeeze the juice on sugar and take it.

As for apples, they are good at any time and all the time, and for nearly everything. One spry little old lady of eighty years believes in eating a scraped apple just before retiring. She puts special stress on the word scraped. Another of her beliefs is that the peel of an apple should never be eaten.

These are the medicines every one needs and not the kind colored and put up in glass bottles. Too many people get in the habit of taking medicine and then cannot do without it. If you will only give the subject some little thought there is some fruit, or simple home remedy, that will help you more than drugs. For the sake of your digestion, your complexion and your temper, try this plan.

Useful Bags.

BY A. H. B.

Cheese cloth bags take the place of eggs very well for settling coffee. Put the coffee in the bag, being careful to tie some distance from the top of the grounds, and boil as usual. Coffee will be clear and delicious. Bits of soap which would otherwise waste, may also be put in cheese cloth bags, and the bag put in the pan when you wash dishes.

Make calico bags with whole top open; tack the back to walls, or kitchen and pantry doors. One of these holds our ironing-sheets and holders, the others, scrub-rags, wrapping papers, and dust-rags, dusting and gardening gloves respectively. Some have a wide ruffle sewed to the top of the back and hanging over the front to cover the opening.

To Remove Fly Paper.

To any one who has the misfortune to get Tanglefoot fly paper stuck to anything, I would say, wash it off with kerosene oil. Have tried it on leather, glass, cotton and woolen goods, even on the cat's fur. If it has dried on a garment, the spot will need to be soaked awhile in the oil.

Oyster Bisque.

BY C. S.

A soup that is different from the ordinary, and one that my family thoroughly enjoy, is made as follows:—(For seven persons). Take a pint of fresh oysters and drain off the liquor—cut the oysters into small pieces.

Add to the liquor a pint of water, put the oysters in this and simmer ten minutes; while boiling add one tablespoonful of butter and one pint of milk in which one tablespoonful of flour has been thoroughly dissolved; season with salt and pepper.

Have ready two eggs beaten very light, stir this in slowly and take from fire at once. Add the juice of one small lemon, and serve immediately.

Baked Eggs.

BY MRS. A. J. C.

Break in a buttered gem pan the number of eggs to be cooked, being careful that each is whole, put upon each a few rolled cracker crumbs; a small piece of butter, and sprinkle with pepper and salt. Adding a teaspoon of cream is a great improvement. Bake in oven until whites are firm.

Mashed Potatoes.

BY MRS. L. T.

When your potatoes are done, drain off water and add a teaspoonful of sugar and half-spoonful of baking powder before mashing, and see the improvement over the old way.

Mustard Plaster.

BY MRS. H. T.

This recipe was given by a trained hospital nurse and being used many times in our family and in many others has been found effectual in relieving pleurisy pains and bronchial trouble and also a bad cough without blistering. It is as follows:

Mix as much mustard as needed with common baking molasses to a smooth paste, but not too stiff.

Apply as with any other plaster between cotton.

For the Eyes.

BY MRS. H. T.

After spending many dollars with eye specialists without any benefit, at last we found borax dissolved in water gave relief. Take one-half teaspoonful of powdered borax to one cup boiling water. Let cool and apply to eyes several times every day. This has relieved inflammation and granulated lids.

Treatment for Jammed Fingers.

BY E. L. B.

Few people have escaped jammed fingers, and as the pain caused when the finger is jammed in a door is excruciating in the extreme for the first few minutes, it is well to know of some means of relief. The finger should be plunged into water as hot as it can possibly be borne. This application of hot water causes the nail to expand and soften, and the blood pouring out beneath it has more room to flow; thus the pain is lessened. The finger should then be wrapped in a bread-and-water poultice. A jammed finger should never be neglected, as it may lead to mortification of the bone if it has been badly crushed, and amputation of the finger must follow. Jammed toes are usually caused through the falling of heavy weights and should be treated in the same way as a jammed finger.

How Clara Doner Doubled Her Salary

A Story of Business Success Full of Inspiration for Others.

Limerick, N. Y. (Special Correspondence)—Miss Clara E. Doner, who is here on a visit to her parents, is receiving the congratulations of her friends on her success in business life. She is now head bookkeeper in a business house in Rochester, N. Y., and the story how she rose to her present position, and how she qualified herself for it, is one that is full of encouragement to others. In the course of a conversation with your correspondents, Miss Doner said:



"I left my home in Limerick because it was necessary that I should earn my own living, and, as you know, there is absolutely no way to do that in this small place. I first succeeded in getting a position as saleswoman in a city store, but the most I could earn was \$6 a week. I decided to study and prepare myself for a better position, and after reading an advertisement of the Commercial Correspondence Schools of Rochester, N. Y., I answered it. I received a copy of their booklet, 'How to Become an Expert Bookkeeper,' and an offer to teach me bookkeeping free and their assurance that they would use their endeavor to place me in a position when I was qualified to keep a set of books. Every promise they made me was carried out to the letter. I owe my present position entirely to the school, and I never shall be able to repay the Commercial Correspondence Schools what they have done for me. When I decided to take a course in bookkeeping, I knew absolutely nothing about that subject, yet by the time I had finished my eighteenth lesson, Prof. Robert J. Shoemaker, the Vice-President and General Manager of the Schools, procured for me my present position as head bookkeeper with a large manufacturing concern at exactly double the salary I was formerly earning. The knowledge I received through the course has given me every confidence in myself, and in my ability to keep any set of books. In fact, I cannot say too much in favor of the most thorough, practical and yet simple course of instruction which is contained in the bookkeeping course as taught by correspondence by the Commercial Correspondence Schools. I could not have learned what I did in a business college in six months. Besides, if I had taken a business college course, it would not only have cost me \$80, but I should have had to give up my daily employment in order to attend school. As it was, I was able to study in the evenings and earn my living during the day, and I did not pay one cent for the instruction until I was placed in my present position. I have said all this for the Commercial Correspondence Schools out of pure gratitude for what that institution has done for me, and entirely without solicitation on their part. I am going to tell others what the schools have done for me, and I shall be glad to answer the letters of anyone who may be interested in taking the course I did. They will never regret doing so. I have just induced a friend of mine to take the bookkeeping course, and I expect her to succeed just as I have done."

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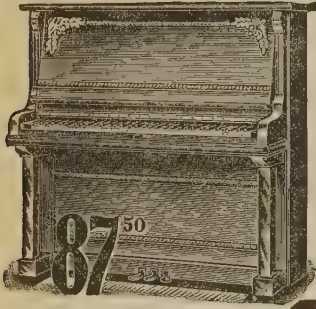
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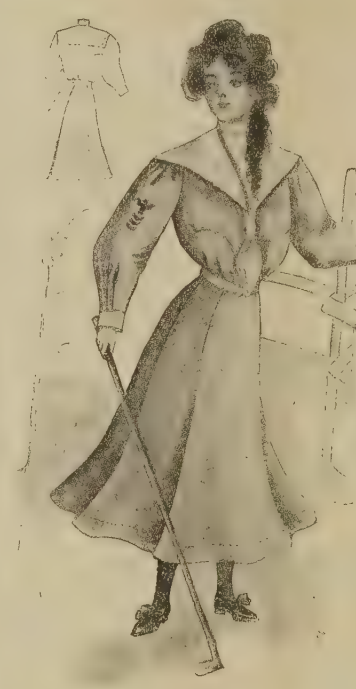
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Home Dressmaking HINTS BY MAY MANTON.



Pattern No. 5090.

Misses' Sailor Blouse Suit.

There is no costume that suits the active young girl better than this one made in the favorite "Peter Thompson" or regulation style. It is marine effect, girlish and very generally becoming while at the same time it allows perfect freedom and activity. In the illustration the dress is made of dark blue serge with the collar and shield of white and banding of black over white, but the model is a favorite one for linen and similar washable materials as well as for serge, flannel and the like and it is correct in white as well as in color so that many variations can be made. White flannel and white pique are peculiarly charming for the real warm weather, and while they have the disadvantage of soiling readily, also can be cleaned easily and successfully.

The dress consists of the blouse and the skirt. The blouse is drawn on over the head, there being only a slight opening at the front, and is finished with a big sailor collar, beneath which the shield is attached. It can be faced to form the yolk or left plain as preferred. The sleeves are the favorite ones that are gathered at the shoulders and tucked at the wrists. The skirt is cut in seven gores and is laid in a plait at each seam, which is stitched for a portion of its length, pressed into position below.

For a girl of fourteen years will be required 9 yards of material 27, 6 1/2 yards 32 or 4 1/2 yards 44 inches wide with 3/4 yards 27 inches wide or collar and shield. The pattern 5090 is cut in sizes for misses of 12, 14 and 16 years of age.

Tea or Home Gown 5093.

The graceful home gown has entirely superseded the ugly wrapper of the olden time and is always attractive and desirable. This one is made with a Watteau plait at the back that means most becoming and satisfactory lines and with the capes that give the fashionable broad effect, while the front is shirred, so being soft and full. The original, from which the drawing was made, is collarless, the neck being finished with the stole, and the sleeves are in elbow length, but the high collar and cuffs can be added whenever desirable. Flowered batiste combined with a front of plain white lawn and banding of pink, which matches the design, are the materials used for the model, but available ones are many. For immediate wear, dimities, lawns and the like are, of course, to be preferred above everything else, but summer does not last forever and chaille, cashmere and veiling will be found desirable for the cooler season.

The gown can be made either with or without the fitted foundation, which extends to the waist line only, and itself consists of fronts, centre front, backs and under-arm gores, with the applied plait. Over the shoulders are arranged the cape collar and the stole trimming finishes the yoke. When unlined the shirtings in both centre front and sleeves are stayed by means of plain material beneath.

The quantity of material required for a woman of medium size is 13 yards 27, 10 1/2 yards 32, or 7 1/2 yards 44 inches wide with 1 1/2 yards any width for the centre front, 2 yards of lace for frills and 2 yards of banding for trimming-strap and yoke.

The pattern 5093 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inch bust measure.



Pattern Nos. 5109, 4890.

Three-quarter Coat.

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The long coat is quite certain to be the accepted one the coming season while already it has appeared in materials for immediate wear and is held essentially chic and smart for the tailored suit. Here is one of the very newest and best that is made in regulation style, finished at the neck with collar and lapels, and at the back in true mannish style. Illustrated the material is dark blue Sicilian mohair stitched with belting silk, but linen is greatly liked in this style for immediate use, while cheviot and all the cloths are already being made for the colder weather.

The coat is made with fronts, backs, side-backs and under-arm gores, the many seams providing perfect fit, and can be made in the full length shown or cut off slightly below the arm as preferred. The sleeves are the favorite ones that are full at the shoulders and narrower at the wrists and are finished with handsome buttons.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is 6 yards 27, 6 1/2 yards 32 or 2 1/2 yards 44 inches wide for full length, 4 1/2 yards 27, 2 1/2 yards 44 or 3 1/2 yards 52 inches wide for the shorter length.

The pattern 5109 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inch bust measure.

Circular Skirt.

TO BE MADE WITH OR WITHOUT SEAM IN FRONT AND WITH INVERTED FLAT OR

Circular skirts made full so that they fall in abundant folds and ripples are among the smartest of all models and are trimmed in various ways. This one is made of reseda broadcloth stitched with corticelli silk, and shows a seam at the centre front with inverted plaits at the back, but the model allows of making without a seam at the front and with the habit back whenever preferred. All seasonable materials are appropriate.

The skirt consists of skirt and belt only and is fitted over the hips by means of short darts. The closing made invisible at the back whether the plaits are used or not. The quantity of material required for the medium size is 5 yards 27 inches wide, 4 1/2 yards 44 inches wide or 4 yards 52 inches wide, or 1/2 yard less 52 inches wide when made without the seam at the front. The pattern 4898 is cut in sizes for a 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30 inch waist measure.

Pattern No. 5093.

Helps for Home Dressmakers

By May Manton.

OCTOBER is really the first month of cool weather and the first that brings any actual demand for change in clothing. This year fashions are varied and very generous, there being so many things from which to choose that there seems little reason why anyone should go astray. So far there have appeared no radical changes from the prevailing styles of spring but there are various amplifications and variations which are important, nevertheless, for they mark the season as surely as fundamental changes would do.

The first imperative need of any incoming season is an appropriate street costume. The autumn and winter will see coats of almost all lengths, short ones, half-length, three-quarter and full length and also will see fitted and loose models.

There will be fancy Etons and blouses galore for the more elaborate suits but for the serviceable all round costume some form of plainer coat is better by far. For the amateur dressmaker nothing is better than the loose box model illustrated. It requires far less skill than the fitted ones while it is equally stylish and equally worn. If the costume is to see really hard service, cheviot and homespun are the best possible materials but if a slightly more dressy effect is desired, or, if the suit is to serve both for morning and for afternoon, broadcloth is to be commended, but whatever the material the simplicity of the coat remains. It has a seam at the centre back which causes it to curve to the figure and is finished with the regulation collar and lapels while the sleeves are in coat style but full at the shoulders. The fitting is entirely accomplished by the shoulder and under-arm seams, so there is really little if any difficulty to encounter. Pressing is, of course an important point and this must be done with care, but in all cities, and most towns, it is quite possible to have this part of the work done by a tailor and where this can be arranged it is far better that it should be, as the heavy irons used for the purpose do the work much better than the domestic ones ever can do. Silk lining is almost imperative. There is little economy, in using anything else and a great deal of annoyance involved, as the coat will not slip on and off with ease, neither does it have the finished effect given by the silk.

Skirts for the fall and the winter remain snug over the hips, full and flaring at their lower portion, but the ways in which that flare is obtained are far too many to enumerate. All that it is possible to do here is to select one of the latest and best models and make it serve as an illustration. The one shown, No. 5129, is admirable in every way and suits our purpose especially well for the reason that it is equally desirable for the new suit and for the one that is to be remodeled from last year. There are to be many combinations of materials worn and plaids and figured goods are being shown in great numbers.

The skirt is nine gored and there are narrow panels set in between the gores for a portion of its length with plaits below. Wherever the skirt is to be cut over, it is quite possible, and also quite smart, to make these last from something in contrast, as plaid with plain goods, so making the skirt up-to-date at the same time that new material is introduced. When, however, the skirt is made new, it allows a choice of this trimming or being made of one material throughout, or again, it can be made with the

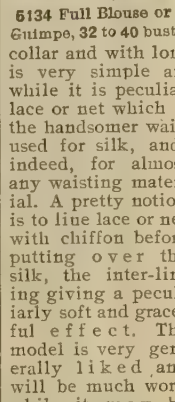
plaits of the material of the skirt and the panels only in contrast, as silk with wool and plaid with plain. But, however it is treated, it remains one of the best and smartest models of the season and is much to be commended both for the coat suit and for the separate skirt to be worn with various waists and wraps.

Waists are always matters of interest and new ones are always needed. This year there is a novelty introduced in the treatment of materials. Lingerie blouses, or those made of fine material in dainty style, have been greatly seen in lawn and cotton during the summer and, indeed, were greatly worn last winter, but this autumn the treatment is being applied to such light weight wools as batiste, challie, and the like, the effect being an exceedingly charming one. The waist, No. 5100, shown here, is particularly well adapted to the treatment and will be found available both for wear beneath the coat and for the theatre, informal dinners and all occasions of the sort where a pretty waist is needed. White is better liked than any color for wear with contrasting skirts. There is, however, a fad this season for making what is known as three piece costumes, which means the skirt and the coat of cloth with a waist of some thinner material as silk or veiling in the same shade. The waist in question is made with an oddly shaped yoke, which is exceedingly pretty made of all-over lace but it also can be of embroidered muslin or of silk embroidered in some simple way if the thinner material is not liked. In any case the blouse proper is finely tucked and is joined to the yoke, the closing being made at the front. Elbow sleeves are exceedingly fashionable for dressy waists but this model allows a choice of those or of the long ones.

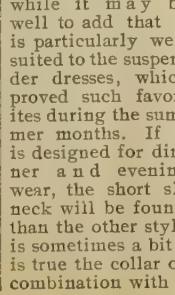
Another style of waist which is well liked is the simple full blouse shown in 5134. This model also allows of considerable variation as it can be made either with or without the collar and with long or elbow sleeves. It is very simple and very easy to make while it is peculiarly attractive in the lace or net which is so much worn for the handsomer waists, although it can be used for silk, and, indeed, for almost any waisting material. A pretty notion is to line lace or net with chiffon before putting over the silk, the inter-lining giving a peculiarly soft and graceful effect. The model is very generally liked and will be much worn while it may be well to add that it is particularly well suited to the suspender dresses, which proved such favorites during the summer months. If it is designed for dinner and evening wear, the short sleeves and the round neck will be found rather more dressy than the other style, but the round neck is sometimes a bit trying and when that is true the collar of lace can be used in combination with elbow sleeves, so giv-



5100 Lingerie Blouse with Yoke, 32 to 40 bust.



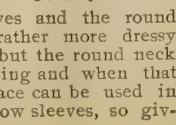
5134 Full Blouse or Guimpe, 32 to 40 bust with or without the collar and with long or elbow sleeves.



5129 Nine Gored Skirt, 22 to 30 waist.



5125 Girl's Guimpe Dress, 6 to 12 years. Skirt are quite separate, the two buttoned together at the waist line, so that the skirt can be of one material and the waist of another.



5105 Girl's Blouse with Plaited Skirt, 6 to 12 years.

ing a more elaborate effect without sacrificing becomingness.

Children are always in need of new frocks and each autumn brings some fresh demand upon the mother's time and thought. The models chosen for this month are especially designed for school wear and have been selected with an economic purpose in view. The little girl's dress, No. 5055, is one of the prettiest and best liked that have appeared. In the illustration it is made of dotted challie, the collar and cuffs being of plain material embroidered in a simple design, but the model can be made useful for many other things.



The waist and the Dress, 6 to 12 years. Skirt are quite separate, the two buttoned together at the waist line, so that the skirt can be of one material and the waist of another. Guimpe dresses are always pretty worn by little girls and often are real boons to the mother who is attempting to remodel a dress from her own or from the elder sister's. This one, No. 5125, is quite new and so charming that it is quite sure to please the young wearer herself while it also possesses a number of practical advantages. The waist is made in what is known as skeleton style, and requires very little material. It is laid in tucks, which give the effect of a wide box plait at the front and back but which in reality are not very deep, and is extended under the arms, leaving a V shaped opening at the front and back which reveals the guimpe. The skirt is cut in five gores and is laid in box plaits that meet one another and are stitched to give the effect of tucks. With this dress is worn a guimpe which appropriately could be of either lawn, flannel, cashmere or challie. Also the skirt alone can be used with a guimpe, omitting the waist portion altogether if desirable. Washable guimpes are always advisable for many reasons but are, nevertheless, apt to be a bit cool for school, where rooms are not always as well heated as at home, and cashmere and the like are much used for the purpose while again they are a bit more serviceable, soiling less readily, and involving less labor in the laundry. In this instance the guimpe is an exceedingly simple one, and the entire dress, while extremely attractive and stylish, involves very little labor in the making.

Boys find nothing more satisfactory than the Russian blouse. This is one among the simplest and the best and will be found a real boon to the busy mother, as it involves so little trouble in the making. Flannel is, 5083 Boy's Russian perhaps, the best of all Blouse, 4 to 12 years materials for cool weather wear but serge also is liked and there are heavy washable materials which can be used until actual winter arrives. The blouse is made very simply and is fitted by means of the shoulder and under-arm seams. At the lower edge is a hem in which elastic is inserted to regulate the size and the closing is made beneath the edge of the left front. The sleeves are in shirt style but are tucked at the wrists and are finished with openings, which are closed with buttons and button-holes. No more serviceable or more stylish little garment could be suggested for a boy from four to twelve years of age, and, let it be added, nothing that means less labor to the mother, whose hands already are full.

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Dear Friends:—While summer brings its enjoyments, I think most of us are glad to settle down again to the regular routine of winter life, although it brings a good many extra cares and expenses to the housekeeper.

I believe the little folks are also happier when the sound of the school bell summons them to their daily tasks, though it is hard to get some of them to acknowledge it. A friend of mine, the daughter of a very wealthy family, was sent away to a fashionable boarding school, but she was so homesick and fretted so much that her parents brought her home, and after that she apparently did as she liked; for when I knew her as a married woman she lamented to me that she had not been made to study when she was young, as she found herself deprived of so much enjoyment. She was very ambitious, however, and by taking lessons and reading tried to make up for the time she had lost before she was married; and she saw to it that her daughters were well educated.

But homesickness is sometimes a positive malady. I suffered from it when I went to boarding school, but I studied all the harder to try and forget it. How many young wives are homesick when they first leave their parents' roof, and young men and women who set out to make their own way in the world. My experience is that boys are more apt to be homesick than girls, for men are more likely to be rough in their treatment of each other and it fares hard with a "mother's boy." But how foolish it would be for him to give up and go back home just because he is homesick, when what he needs is the stimulus of a little rough treatment.

It is a lesson that we all have to learn sooner or later, and if we could remember that we can never get away from God's care we would not feel so alone in the world.

As Bishop Heber so beautifully expresses it:

Dear God, Thy bounteous goodness ever lies
Around us like a boundless sea;
How can we lose ourselves where all is home,
Or drift away from Thee!

If we can feel this, the world will not seem like a barren wilderness in which we have lost our way, but we will go about our duties with a song in our hearts, knowing that we can never be alone in the world and that God will always guide us if we try to do right.—Mrs. W.

Letter to "Anxious Mother."

I would not advise you to interfere between your daughter and her husband as she might probably turn on you afterwards, and he certainly would not be pleased and it might cause him to be unkind to her, and you say he has not been unkind so far. No matter what a man may do he always values and appreciates loyalty in his wife. So, for the present in any case, I would not let him suppose I knew of his absence from home. If his wife should be short of money you might help her a little, but do not let him know that you do so, and encourage her to try by every means in her power to get him to stay home oftener than he does in the evening, either by inviting some company, or coaxing him to take her out somewhere, or in some way trying to interest or amuse him. She ought to be able to do that. If she could get him away from his drinking associates for a time he might improve. Unfortunately it is such a common thing that it is hard to know what to advise.

If a man is young and at all intelligent he must have something to interest him,

although it seems too bad that women should have to think of amusing their husbands in addition to their other cares. But most men are only big children and if you do not give them something to do they will get into mischief.

If a man is unkind, that is another matter, for which there are legal remedies, but in this case a little patience, tact and cleverness may produce the desired result.—Mrs. W.

Letter from "Inquirer."

I am a young man of twenty-six, have a good business, that is to say I am making good money, but I am alone in the world. My parents are dead and my only sister is married and living in another town. My friends all tell me I should marry and have a home and they introduce me to different young ladies, some of them are pretty and good company, but I cannot screw up courage to ask one of them to marry me. Yet I want a home. What do you think I ought to do?—Inquirer.

Inquirer:—It seems to me that if you are making enough to provide a home for yourself and one other and your position is likely to improve, it might be a good thing to try and find that other person. But as people always expect to be happier when they get married, and there are so many things to be considered, I would not advise any two persons to marry unless they are fully prepared to show mutual forbearance towards each other's faults or peculiarities. Two people grow up with entirely different ideas of life and sometimes with selfish dispositions and when they fall in love, as it is called, and get married, they clash continually because they each want to follow their own way, regardless of the other's wishes. Try and learn something

of the disposition of the woman you think of marrying, but do not expect perfection, and be just as lenient to her faults as you expect her to be to yours. If people really love each other they will in time get to love each other's little peculiarities.

Marriage should be a partnership in which each member of the firm should be entitled to an equal amount of respect. How would it be in business if one member of a firm should tyrannize over the other? It would not be tolerated for a moment. Each has equal rights, because each has an equal interest in the business. And is not a woman's interest in the marriage estate fully equal to that of a man, even if she should bring no money into the concern. She brings love, health, youth, goodness, housewifely qualities—all that goes to make a home, in fact, all her capital. Some men appreciate this and their homes are happy, for it takes a good deal more than the transitory emotion called "love" to keep a household together. There must be a feeling of mutual interest and loyalty, and the real lasting love and confidence, which is true friendship, will follow. And if men only knew how their wives appreciate a few words of praise occasionally, they might be less chary of it than they often are.

However, I did not intend to write a sermon, but young people should understand that married life is not a summer day picnic, but a serious business partnership in which each member should in the first place be sound physically, morally, and mentally, in addition to other requisites.

If you come across any girl you really respect and love and the feeling is returned, I should advise you to get married, but do not be carried away by a pretty face or a stylish appearance unless there are substantial qualities beneath the outward appearance, for you will only wreck what little happiness you now enjoy.—Mrs. W.

I count this thing to be grandly true
That a noble deed is a step toward God,
Lifting the soul from a common sod
To a clearer air and a broader view.

T. W. Parsons.

Two Little Girls.

I'm twins, I guess, 'cause my ma says
I'm two little girls. An' one o' me
Is Good little girl, an' the other'n she
Is Bad little girl as she can be.
An' ma says so 'most every'day.

An' she's the funniest ma! 'Cause when
My doll won't mind, an' I 'ist cry,
W'y, nen my ma she sob and sigh,
An' say, "Dear Good little girl, good-
by!
Bad little girl's comed here again!"

Last time 'at ma act' that a-way
I cried all to myself awhile
Out on the steps, an' nen I smile,
An' get my doll all fix' in style,
An' go in where ma's at an' say:
'Morning to you, mommy dear!
Where's that Bad little girl wuz here?
Bad little girl's goned clean away,
An' Good little girl's comed back to
stay.'

James Whitcomb Riley.

Bread an' Milk.

Brown bread an' milk an' sweet apple,
with a spoonful o' cream, ye know,
Is there anything else ye think of that
sets you a-longing so?
Ye can see the bins in the suller, where
the pound-sweets used to be,
An' smell the supper a-cookin' an' the
steepin' o' mother's tea.

An' the cows at the barn to greet ye, ole
Speckles an' Bess an' Brin;
An' then when the chores were finished
an' the wood an' the shavin's in,
With cheeks as red as yer mittens, an'
eyes that were all aglow,
A passin' your bowl to father for the
spoonful o' cream, ye know.

Perhaps what they call their menus, may
be a slight more grand;
Perhaps there are fancier dishes set by
the rich man's plate;
But I wouldn't give up the mem'ry fer
all o' their fuss and show
O' the bread an' milk an' sweet apple
that I eat in the long ago.

—Ladies' World.

This Washer Must Pay for Itself.

A MAN tried to sell me a horse, once. He said it was a fine horse and had nothing the matter with it. I wanted a fine horse. But, I didn't know anything about horses much. And, I didn't know the man very well either.

So I told him I wanted to try the horse for a month. He said "all right, but pay me first, and I'll give back your money if the horse isn't all right."

Well, I didn't like that. I was afraid the horse wasn't "all right" and that I might have to whistle for my money if I once parted with it. So I didn't buy the horse although I wanted it badly. Now this set me thinking.

You see I make Washing Machines—the "1900 Washer."

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So, thought I, it's only fair enough to let people try my Washing Machines for a month, before they pay for them, just as I wanted to try the horse.

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I know it will wash a tub full of very dirty clothes in six minutes. I know no other machine ever invented can do that, in less than 12 minutes, without wearing out the clothes.

I'm in the Washing Machine business for Keeps. That's why I know these things so surely. Because I have to know them, and there isn't a Washing Machine made that I haven't seen and studied.

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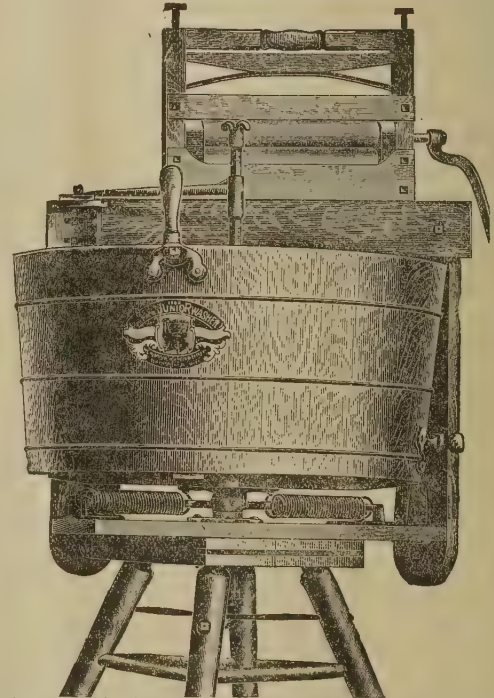
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If people only knew how much hard work the "1900 Washer" saves every week, for 10 years,—and how much longer their clothes would wear, they would fall over each other trying to buy it.

So said I, to myself, I'll just do with my "1900 Washer" what I wanted the man to do with the horse. Only, I won't wait for people to ask me. I'll offer to do it first, and I'll "make good" the offer every time. That's how I sold 200,000 Washers.

I will send any reliable person, a "1900" Washer on a full month's free trial! I'll pay the freight out of my own pocket. And if you don't want the machine after you've used it a month, I'll take it back and pay the freight that way, too. Surely that's fair enough, isn't it?

Doesn't it prove that the "1900 Washer" must be all that I say it is? How could I make anything out of such a deal as that, if I hadn't the finest thing that ever happened, for Washing Clothes,—the quickest, easiest and handiest Washer on Earth. It will save its whole cost in



a few months, in Wear and Tear on clothes alone. And then it will save 50 cents to 75 cents a week over that in Washerwoman's wages. If you keep the machine, after a month's trial, I'll let you pay for it out of what it saves you. If it saves you 60c a week send me 50c a week, 'till paid for. I'll take that cheerfully, and I'll wait for my money until the machine itself earns the balance.

Now, don't be suspicious. I'm making you a simple, straightforward offer, that you can't risk anything on anyhow. I'm willing to do all the risking myself! Drop me a line today and let me send you a book about the "1900 Washer," that washes Clothes in 6 minutes. Or, I'll send the machine on to you, a reliable person, if you say so, and take all the risk myself. Address me this way,—R. F. Bieber, Gen. Mgr. of "1900 Washer Co.," 966 Henry St., Binghamton, N. Y., or 355 Yonge St., Toronto, Canada. Don't delay, write me a post card now, while you think of it.

In The Garden



CONDUCTED BY JOHN ELLIOTT MORSE.

October Doings.

In the realm of gardening, this month is preeminently the harvest and storing time of all the year. The days when if we have sown and tended we should be able to lay by something for the winter time. So the chief concern will be in caring for what we have grown; and incidentally, in so far as we may, prepare the ground for the work of next year.

In this connection, there is much of the early spring preparation that can be very profitably done this fall, and all that can be thus accomplished now will lighten the burdens of next year by just so much. The accumulated rubbish from the vine crops of every kind had better be gathered and burned. It of course, is argued by some that all this should be saved to make fertilizer and humus for coming crops; but in these days of fungus diseases the only safe place for the vine growth of all kinds lies in converting them into ashes. Many insects and fungus germs will thus be placed out of harm's way; that if left to winter over in the rubbish heap, might cause no end of trouble later on. In case of the club root in cabbage or other of the crucifera family, there is no more prolific source of spreading the disease than in allowing the diseased parts to lie and decay upon the ground. They should by all means be burned as soon as discovered.

It is the very best time now to gather all the available manure and spread it upon the land. Plowing it under this fall will be good practice; but leaving it spread upon the surface will make a good winter covering and the strength will be just when it is needed, and not wasted by the leaching of fall rains and winter snows. I very much like the plan of surface covering upon the level land but, on the hillsides where we meet the difficulty of washing to the lower ground, plowing under is best.

Winter Storing.

Some of the vegetable crops and notably cabbage, turnips and rutabagas on account of their unpleasant odor should not be stored in the house cellar. So lacking the ever handy and convenient root house the next resort is the pit, and really there is no way of keeping them so fresh and crisp, as in pitting. Select ground high enough to avoid danger of water standing, and the pits may be made shallow or deep. In pitting for my own use I like to cover nearly all vegetables with soil first, allowing it to sift down through them as much as possible. After a light covering has been put on they can then be covered with straw and soil to suit the season, and more can be added as cold weather approaches. The safer way to protect from frost, is of course to make the pits deep; and this can be done whenever the settling in of the water can be avoided.

The most difficult of all crops to properly care for is the celery, and for storing only the home supply, narrow pits are most convenient. One to two feet in width, and deep as the height of the celery stalks is best. Set the bunches compactly together and cover with leaves or straw. Nail two boards "V" shape and set over the pit to turn the rain and this can be covered with straw and soil at intervals as the season advances.

Cabbage is next in importance, and the chief requisites are to keep dry and maintain an even temperature. A very common method is to turn them heads downward in single rows with straw or coarse litter spread under them, and bank up well with earth, leaving only the roots exposed. A better method we believe is to dig a pit say two feet in depth and any length desired. Place a layer of straw in the bottom, cut off the stems and remove all the loose leaves, then pack them in

layers, stem end upward. The pits are better if not exceeding three or four feet in width and the pile should be sloped above ground in order to make a good water shed. Then cover with straw and earth sufficiently to protect from too much freezing. This however, will not injure, provided they are not allowed to freeze and thaw. Still another plan and also quite successful is to remove the stems and all loose leaves and pack them in old barrels and cover with straw, corn-stalks or some kind of litter. Small quantities are easily kept in this way and are easy of access when wanted for use. Last spring, I saw and examined some cabbages that were brought through the winter in fine shape with no protection whatever. The heads were simply pulled up and laid on the ground; stems upward, allowing the loose outer leaves to fall naturally around the head and rest upon the ground. They were left exposed to the rain and snow, freezing and thawing. I was told that they would keep perfectly in that way, and certainly those that I saw were in excellent condition. While I would not recommend the plan for extensive use, I believe it is well worth trying in a small way at first, and if successful with a small quantity it certainly ought to be with any number of heads.

Odds and Ends.

In looking backward over the season's work we are not inclined to hug ourselves very enthusiastically over our achievements, neither shall we indulge too freely in self condemnation. True, the plans of the early springtime have not been more than half worked out, but we sometimes reach the limit of performance beyond which we may not pass. Lack of help, both man and horse power, caused many of our plans to vanish in thin air; then incessant rains that made contemplated work impossible for days together, have made many things impossible. For once we have had to take off our hat to the weeds and acknowledge their supremacy; which has been one of the bitterest disappointments of all. But the losses in some directions have been made up in others; the rains which so disoriented our calculations in some crops gave a new lease of life to the berry crops and they have more than doubled our expectations of the spring. So we believe it wise to make the best of it and be thankful that it is no worse. In some sections the crops have been burned up by drouth, while in others they were totally ruined by floods. So we who have dwelt on the middle grounds have indeed been fortunate.

A new idea in setting tomato plants gave us very satisfactory results the past season; and we believe will be worthy of further development. We have always transplanted two or three times and set very deep at the last planting. Last spring, knowing that we would be unable to do the work ourselves we sent our seed to a florist to have the plants grown in flats. As transplanting time drew near we found our plants had never been disturbed but were growing very thickly together in the flats and thus were tall and spindling. The florist argued that if properly set, these plants would bear earlier in fruiting and produce a larger crop than stocky transplanted plants. This doctrine I was not prepared to embrace, and am not now, as I had no transplanted stock with which to make comparisons. It was Hobson's choice, so I could do nothing but take the plants and set as he directed.

This is how I set them: instead of making deep holes, and putting the plants far down in the earth, I made shallow trenches and laid the plants in, covering to within a few inches of the tops. Some

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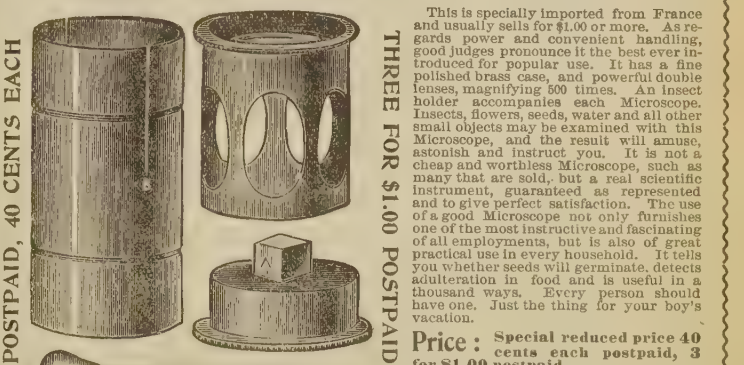
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Wildflower Farms.

Miss Anderson Suggests Them as an Occupation for College Girls.

Wildflower farms for college girls. It is a pretty idea, and one that Miss Mary Perle Anderson considers entirely feasible, and capable of yielding modest but steady profits.

Miss Anderson is now the instructor in botany at Mount Holyoke. Last year she had charge of the nature study work in the Columbia Summer School, and formerly she held a similar position in the public schools of Chicago. In common with many other botanists and flower lovers, Miss Anderson is alarmed at the threatened destruction of many species of wild flowers. The arbutus and laurel, especially, two flowers of unusual beauty, found nowhere in the world outside of America, are in danger of speedy extermination. The cardinal flower can live only in lonely haunts. Its spike of scarlet flame is irresistible. The hepatica, the lady's slipper, the fog orchid, the Jack in the Pulpit are going more slowly.

The two great sources of danger are the gathering of wildflowers for sale, and the supplying of vast quantities of them to city schools for "nature study." The latter is a new danger, and one that the flower lovers themselves do not wish to see abandoned, only regulated. They wish to have the city children see and know the flowers. In this emergency Miss Anderson suggests flower farms for college girls.

She cites the well known precedent of the "Christmas tree farms" of Maine. Some years ago vast areas of land covered with the balsam fir in Maine were worthless. They were actually not taxed, because the fir yielded no income. To-day the land, under the manipulation of the thrifty Maine farmers, yields from fifteen dollars to thirty dollars an acre a year, through the Christmas tree trade. The farmers carefully choose the trees, preserving, thinning, pruning and preventing denudation.

Many college graduates, says Miss Anderson, living in country towns, would be glad to reside at home after graduation, could they see any way to make a little money there. The transplanting and cultivation of the plants, in their own habitat, she declares, could be made to yield a steady income through the season, and, in addition, would pre-

serve species instead of exterminating them, and foster the love of beauty.

"The sand barren, the peat bog, and even the stagnant pool," she says, "might be made to yield a wealth of flowers, with an economic and educational and an aesthetic value."

Work of Preservation.

This is the time of the year when the Wild Flower Preservation Society of America, which has its headquarters at the Botanical Garden, in Bronx Park, is most active in its propaganda of education. By country road and village lane, wherever people of intelligence and culture gather for their summer outing, friends of the society are inculcating the preservation of the wild flowers. Especially is this pushed in the regions adjacent to the great cities, where the few remaining wild flowers may give the greatest pleasure to the greatest number, and where, they are most in danger of extermination.

In Montclair, Orange, Caldwell and many other suburban towns, the village improvement societies have made this a part of their work. In Cold Spring Harbor there is a specially active village improvement society, which, in addition to teaching the children care of the wild flowers, has offered a money prize to the child who brings in the greatest number of advertisements detached from trees in the neighborhood. The Seal Harbor Village Improvement Society has printed a leaflet for distribution in the neighborhood, warning the people what flowers of the region are in danger of extermination and giving directions how to gather them in moderation and without injury to the plant.

Yet these friends of wild flowers have set themselves a hard task. At the outset they confront conflicting sentiments. The innocent delight of children in gathering them is the worst enemy of the wild flowers. No child is satisfied with a few blossoms. The little vandal gathers every one in sight, only to throw the wilted bunch away before he reaches home. Even if wild flowers were protected by law, as they are in some European countries, it would be a queer judge who would impose a penalty on a child for picking wild flowers, even if the last remaining specimen of a species were destroyed, as the last root of arbutus was uprooted from Bronx Park within a year or two. And then the pitiable conditions in New York, where in one East Side school not a single child could be found who knew the four most common American wild flowers, the buttercup, daisy, dandelion and violet, appeals to child lovers and flower lovers both.

Species Not Easily Destroyed.

Yet both may be satisfied, if compassion be tempered by intelligence. The thronging child life of the East Side could be turned into the daisy field without the slightest danger. All the children in America cannot destroy the daisies, buttercups and dandelions until the city is actually built over the roots. Goldenrod will flourish as long as there is a dusty roadside in America, and asters deck the September fields until cellars are dug there. Even the "violet by the mossy stone," shy and modest as it is, is one of the most persistent of flowers, because the sly little witch has two kinds of blossoms, those which are gathered, and another, almost invisible, from which the plant reseeds itself. There are other flowers which may be picked in any reasonable moderation. Spring Beauty is still abundant in the parks and suburbs of New York, and fills bare, muddy banks of the Bronx in spring with its dainty pink bells. It has something of the vitality of its cousin the "pussley," immortalized by Charles Dudley Warner in the story of his garden. Wild pinks, also, bloom on rocky hillsides in Bronx Park in spring, but only from Monday to Friday. On Saturday and Sunday they disappear. They have large, fleshy roots, which enable them to live from year to year, but they cannot reseed, because every blossom is gathered and the pretty colony is gradually dying out. The water lily holds its own, even in those suburban towns where children offer it for sale at the stations, because of its great rootstocks. Only the draining and pollution of the ponds, inseparable from advancing city life, destroys it.

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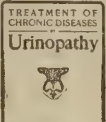
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POULTRY

Conducted by VINCENT M. COUCH.

NOTE.—We will be glad to have our readers ask any questions on perplexing subjects. Those of general interest will be answered in these columns. Address questions to V. M. COUCH, Moravia, N. Y.

Notice.

Owing to the brief time for getting in answers to the questions for discussion, we have decided to extend the time for replies to two months, for instance questions asked this month will be answered in December, instead of in the following number as heretofore. In this way we will be able to get in more replies, thereby making the query department more useful and instructive. Readers are invited to give their experience on the questions asked as well as to ask questions to be answered. In no way can the poultry department be made more helpful to the readers than by an exchange of ideas on the different subjects, and in the future we hope to hear from a large number of our readers on these matters. Write us your experiences and plans, on a postal if nothing more.

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The following questions are to be answered in December:—What experience have you had in feeding milk to chickens and fowls? In what shape do you feed it for best results? Do you feed mostly corn, wheat, oats, barley or buckwheat for a winter grain food? Which has been most satisfactory for producing eggs?

Questions Briefly Answered.

Some of my hens have large scales on their legs. Will there be danger of the chickens having the trouble if they are allowed to run with the hens? What shall I do to cure them?—F. B.

Ans. The scales on the legs of fowls are caused by a very small parasite, too small to be seen with the naked eye, and like lice and mites, will go from one fowl to another. Remove by holding the legs of the fowl in kerosene about a minute, and repeat in a week or ten days. Vaseline applied to the parts after the scales begin to come off is beneficial. Do not allow the chickens or other fowls to roost with those affected until the scales are removed.

What breed would you advise for good winter layers and for roosters? How are the Indian Games?—W. S. M. Ans. The Plymouth Rocks, barred, buff or white, Rhode Island Reds, and Wyandottes are all excellent winter layers and make fine market fowls, so are the Light Brahmas. My experience with Indian Games has been somewhat limited, they are said to be a good table fowl, but not very good layers.

Seasonable Notes.

Cull your flock, sell all poorly marked and undesirable specimens.

The demand for fresh eggs is improving now, gather them daily and guarantee the quality.

If your stock is sufficiently grown, make your selections now for the coming winter shows, and take special care that your best specimens are put in first class condition.

Make it a point to see that the hen house has a general cleaning this month, don't let other work interfere. Whitewash the interior, adding an ounce of carbolic acid to a pail of white wash, and use kerosene or crude oil if you can get it, freely on the roosts.

Have you selected the best half of the hens that filled your breeding pens the past season? If not, do so at once, they should have a good sized, comfortable run with plenty of lean meat, milk and grain ration, so as to enable them to recuperate for next season's breeding.

It should be borne in mind that the frost is getting in its work now and cutting off all the insect and worm supply, this is nature's meat for poultry, hence you should begin now to increase the amount of meat in their ration. It is

often the case, that by reason of a sudden cold snap, this meat food is missed more now than in the winter.

Have you repaired your buildings that have given you so much trouble and loss in the past by leaking? If not, now is the time to do it, put on a whole new roof if necessary, don't let the job go by this month. You cannot expect success in any way with poultry, so long as you allow water to come in at each rain storm. About the most important thing in housing poultry is to keep them free from dampness. Better dispose of the fowls rather than to undertake to carry them through the fall and winter in a leaky hen-house.—V. M. Couch.

A Few Points in Favor of Green Cut Bone.

"By a series of experiments," says Alma Cole Pickering, "it has been discovered that the feeding of green cut bone increases the production of eggs. Different parts of ordinary market bones upon analysis were found to contain in abundance the ingredients which go to make up the growing chick, and in wonderfully close proportions the different parts of the complete egg, the lean meat and gristle form the white of the egg and about sixteen per cent of the yolk, the marrow and other fat on the bones supply the remainder of the yolk, while the lime phosphates in the bone yield all the necessary salts for the shell and the requisite phosphate for the interior of the egg. But it is not enough that a given food contain certain desirable properties. Its "food value" depends upon the power of assimilation by the consumer. Practical experience has proved that the gristle, blood, fat and bone, all of which go to make up "green bone," is the very best possible form to be easily digested and thoroughly assimilated by poultry. Poultry folk differ as to method and quantity of feeding green bone. Personally we prefer to feed it as a separate ration. After becoming accustomed to this food, one pound per dozen hens once a day is the allowance at Snowbird Poultry Yards. Compared with other foods we consider green bone the cheapest for the results occurring from its use, of any one food, nearly doubling (as it does) the amount of eggs and very materially increasing their fertility, besides producing better plumage and maintaining a more healthful condition of the fowls so fed."

A writer in "Farmer's Voice" says in part, "My experience with cut bone for fowls extends over two years only, with a flock of 100 hens. Prior to that time I had not used cut bone, and my article is based on the percentage of gains in growth, health and eggs of fowls over the two years previous, when I did not use bone, all other conditions for the four years being about the same. Some people make the mistake of using bones that have been boiled or lain out and sun bleached. Some of the most essential feeding value of the bone has thus been lost, especially as feed for growing chicks. Be sure that the bones used are not those of animals that have died of disease, old age or starvation. The former two are dangerous to the health of the fowls, the latter worthless. Bones of young animals are best. For growing chickens, after two weeks old, I mix the bone meal with corn chops dampened with curd milk (water will do) so that each bird gets from a half to one teaspoonful of the bone meal, according to age. For laying hens I feed mixed as above, only that each hen gets one tablespoonful twice or three times a week, according as I think they may need an extra allowance. They need more when they are laying regularly or moulting. Don't feed an over dose at first, or any time for that matter, feed regularly."

A correspondent of the "New England Farmer" writes, "The wisdom of using green bones for the extra rations or to complete a ration for laying hens is

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found in the fact that grain (corn in particular) is hard to digest, and a full ration of grain is too great a tax upon the digestive energies of the fowl. Poultry naturally lay at a time of year when they can get bugs, worms and vegetable matter—kinds of food that enriches the blood and tones up the system, preparing them for the extra work of laying. Green bones have the same effect and egg producing value. They stimulate and arouse the digestive organs, rendering other kinds of food of greater value. I have some times been obliged to discontinue use of the bone and have always observed a falling off in the number of eggs laid. Green bone at a cent a pound is cheaper than grain and far more satisfying.

The above are a few facts picked up from reliable sources on the green cut bone question, and in these short articles I believe the advantage of using this material is made plain enough to convince the most sceptical. Yet I have no doubt but there may be a large per cent of the people, who keep poultry, who still insist that the hens should be able to pick up enough bugs and worms in summer to supply the want for animal food all winter. However, such is not the case, and I would say to this class, let your flock be large or small, get some fresh cut bone and feed it moderately two or three times a week (one ounce to a hen each feed) for four or six weeks and note the result.—Ed.

Learn by Practice.

The question comes up, who are the most successful practical poultry keepers? I say the villager who keeps a dozen hens in a dry goods box, feeds the table scraps and devotes his spare time to them, that would otherwise be wasted. The leavings from the table and kitchen would very likely be thrown out if not fed to hens, not that such food is the best there is for laying hens, but a small flock fed on such food generally make big returns in the egg basket for the feed given them. And when the shopman or store keeper has an hour or so spare time he might do a good deal worse than to devote it to cleaning out the hen house, putting in some fresh, dry litter, feeding them etc., and then he gets from such work a certain refining influence which he might never obtain in any other way.

It is along about this time of year that the beginner gets most of his advice. This is all right, as far as it goes, but what they need more than advice is practice. A great many people have taken up poultry keeping on quite a large scale, on the strength of what some one else has accomplished. There are few who have not known of some failure in the work, but of course if they have the real "hen fever" they can see at a glance why the failure was made. It is the successful breeder that takes most of their attention. Some people devote hours to cherished schemes that will cause the hens to lay when eggs are bringing fifty cents a dozen. There are grand opportunities to spend money in the thoroughbred poultry business. There are breeders who will allow one to pay them most any price for stock. Then there are incubators and supplies with no end. You can hire a man, if you like, to look after the work, get some one who has made a failure in the business, and they won't charge much, but if you employ a man who has made a success at it and is now doing so, he will tax you heavier, for he is probably worth more to himself than to you. But when we come down to business with hens, there is no use of a man going into the work to any extent unless he has some originality about him, he better not go in entirely as an imitator, one man may have fed his hens largely on corn and gotten a good many eggs but that doesn't prove that you can do the same. Because such a one never loses fowls by disease does not mean that every one of yours will die of old age. Then comes the showroom. You may know of some who have won great laurels there, but it may take a good many dollars and much guessing on your part to equal him. There are a good many conditions under which a person may succeed at poultry keeping, there are also many under which he might fail. There is one thing certain, if he makes a "go at it," he must have

real interest for the work, he must like it all day and every day. Then you must have a favorable location, poultry will not do well every where, and about shelter, well a dry goods box may be a good thing to start with, and make the number of hens about six. Then if you appreciate this number in this kind of a coop, the chances are you will be better able to keep larger numbers successfully in a more substantial structure. In other words you, yourself, grow up with the business. The work of feeding a hundred hens is not so much, but the experience of having fed the six successfully will go a long way towards doing the same with a larger flock.

Some poultry keepers make a specialty of getting eggs, they do very little with market poultry, you don't even hear them discuss it. Another one runs to broilers, egg production is out of their line. Then there is the one who raises ducks for market. These people, if they are successful, have studied and practiced the thing and found out what they can do best at, they have concentrated their whole effort on this one thing. As a rule, very few successful fanciers get their knowledge of exhibition stock through what some one has told them or what they have read, they have learned the important things by practice, common sense and observation, and the man who begins with six hens and a dry goods box is generally the one who gets at these things in the most common sense way.—V. M. Couch.

According to statistics, this country imports as many eggs as it produces. It is therefore apparent that there is unlimited room for expansion. In truth, it should be said that the poultry business as a business, is yet in its infancy. With the exception of a few communities, the day is now past when poultry and eggs are traded for merchandise and with the new order of things poultry and eggs are bringing a legitimate cash price. Conditions are continually being bettered for the poultry-breeder. With cold-storage methods and an increased demand for fresh eggs and juicy meat, the future for poultry-breeders is bright and promising.

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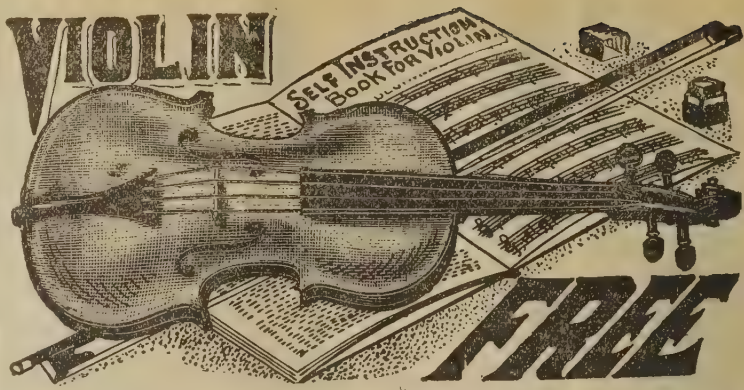
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The Household

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Apple Pudding.

Take good apple sauce, strained and strongly flavored with lemon, and add a tablespoonful of gelatine, after melting it, to every cupful. Set it on ice, and just as it begins to grow hard whip in the beaten whites of two or three eggs—about one white to every cupful of apple sauce. When firmly formed in a pretty mould turn out on a dessert platter and serve with whipped cream. This makes a delicious cheap dessert.

Preserved Chestnuts.

The housewife who wants to provide costly luxuries for her table at small expense would do well to preserve some of the chestnuts which autumn is now raining upon the earth. Chestnuts preserved in syrup can be served in a variety of dainty ways. They may be moulded in orange or lemon jelly, or served in glasses, with a covering of whipped cream, and accompanied by wafers at the close of a dinner, will delight the most fastidious diner. To preserve chestnuts in syrup, says "What to Eat," use as soon after they are gathered as possible. With a sharp knife score each nut on one side. Cover with boiling water, cook five minutes; drain and dry. Add a teaspoonful of butter to each pint of nuts, and stir or shake over the fire for five minutes. This loosens the shell and their inner skin, which are now removed together. Shell while hot. Cover the nuts with cold water, and to each pint of nuts add a tablespoonful of lemon juice. This is to harden the nuts that they may not break while cooking. Let stand overnight. In the morning drain, cover with boiling water and simmer gently until tender, from one to two hours, according to the age of nuts. When tender, but firm, drain. Cover with a syrup made of sugar equal in weight to nuts and half the quantity of water. Simmer for one hour, set aside until the following day; heat, drain syrup from nuts, reduce syrup by rapid boiling for fifteen minutes; add the nuts. Now add whatever flavoring matter is desired. One may use an inch length of vanilla bean to every quart of nuts, or the juice and thin yellow rind of a lemon. Or one may prefer orange flavoring, or half a pint of maraschino may be added to every quart of nuts. It is a simple matter to divide the nuts in portions and vary the flavorings. Pour nuts and syrup into small glasses and seal when cold.

The Best Aids in Securing a Good Complexion.

S. H. H.

A young woman who says she is a constant reader of the household department in "Vick's Magazine," writes a very earnest plea for a help in the direction of curing that worst of all facial troubles (blackheads).

As I had been fortunate enough to get the very best aids in this direction from a facial specialist who made it a profession and had studied two years in Paris to perfect herself, after graduating in this country, I have felt that it was my duty to help with my pen—all that I could, so I will tell you her remedies and you can try them. As she says truly, first of all a strong, healthy organization is the first essential to youth and good looks. Then next, keep the pores of the face open and active by taking facial baths every night before retiring. Never use hard water as it is fatal to a good skin. As you have the blackheads and pimples she says rub in a little olive oil, massaging it in good; and let it remain until it is absorbed. Then wash it off with hot boiled rain water, using pure soap and plenty of friction. Next dash on cold rain water (having dried the skin perfectly first) and add a little benzoin to the cold water, as it makes a milky, fragrant bath and acts as a tonic to the skin. Dry thoroughly using a soft old linen towel then dust thickly with Mennen's talcum powder and go to bed and get your beauty sleep. Some talcum powders are inurious, she advises using this one. I saw this specialist work wonders, so try it.

The Suspender Dress.

E. J. C.

It is not often that Fashion gives us a style that is so dainty and becoming, as the suspender dress. The waists are of mull, lawn, silk or any suitable waist material, may be quite plain or trimmed with shirring, tucking, lace or embroidery. One seen recently was of white China silk, the full front shirred in a slightly pointed yoke shape, and closed in the back. The sleeves consisted of puffs reaching to the elbows, and ending in a row of shirring and a frill of the material. Another was of blue and white foulard, the fulness of the back and front gathered in four rows of shirring to form a shallow round yoke, the sleeves made with long fitted cuffs of the material and two full puffs above. India linen makes a pretty waist, tucked in front to a yoke

depth, and in the back to the lower edge of the waist.

The suspender and girdle usually match the skirt in color, but may be made of silk, satin, velvet or ribbon, as well as the skirt material. Among the variety of styles for them are the broad straps extending over the shoulders and fastened at the back and front of the girdle. Fancifully shaped epaulettes may extend well over the shoulders, and be tacked to the sleeves. Another style has the bretelles and girdle shirred upon a plain foundation. A navy blue skirt has suspenders made of blue taffeta laid in plaits, the back part extending below the belt in postillion shape, and worn with a girdle of the same material.

Perhaps there is no suggestion of economy in this description, but while these things are expensive when bought ready made, they are not beyond the skill of the home dressmaker. With a nicely fit-

ting pattern as a guide, any number of them may be made of the ribbons, pieces of silk and other materials that almost every house contains. Even the best parts of old silk waists may be utilized in this way. After cleaning, freshen the color with a bath of diamond dye of the shade desired, press them carefully, and you will be ready to begin work. Interline the suspenders with crinoline, turn the edges over, and face with taffeta or China silk.

One of the best features of these costumes is the changes that can be made by using different sets of suspenders and girdles with the white waists. Bretelles of white silk and lace with a deep pointed girdle of the silk, will make a common place costume handsome enough for the theatre or evening party. Change them for a girdle and bretelles of brown or black and it is sober enough for church wear.

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FRUIT NOTES

Autumn Pruning.

There is no time like the present to remove dead or injured branches. With bearing trees, it nearly always happens that more or less limbs are broken or injured in picking the fruit and they should be removed at the earliest possible time.

to be protection against the rabbits; but we fear it would hardly discourage the mice. Other remedies will doubtless suggest themselves, but some of the above ought to be effective for ordinary purposes.

The bush fruits can be safely set this month; earlier or later according to locality. Later on, cover each hill with a shovel or two of manure, avoiding too much litter which encourages the visits of the mice.

For the spring planting of strawberries, we can suggest no better treatment than working under a heavy dressing of table manure with plow or spade. Then in spring work thoroughly again, in order that it may be well mixed through the soil to become readily available for the young plants to feed upon.

John Elliott Morse.

The Road Through Your Farm.

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The highway that runs through or alongside of your farm will be a feature that will mean profit or loss to you, according to your method of treating it. If you permit it to stand lined by tumble-down stone walls, or rickety rail fences, or collapsed board fences, all covered by brambles, briars, clematis, sumach, wild cherry and other unsightly growths, it will mean a loss to you, for such a feature always detracts from the value of a farm.

Where the fences are unsightly, improve them or remove them. Removing is generally preferable to improving. Cut down or root out the vines, shrubs and briars. Permit no fringe of vile nettles and burdocks, thistles and beggar's tick to remain.

Plant trees along the road. These may be shade trees, such as maple, elm, spruce, pine or horse chestnut. They may be fruit trees, such as cherry, plum, or peach. In any case they should not be wild cherry, the favorite of the destructive tent-caterpillars. They should not be dwarf or scrub ash, or sumach, or other swale growths. They may be some of the native trees that have a beauty of their own, such as the sassafras, the tulip tree, or some of the birches and poplars.

Where the highway is cut down, leaving banks of bald clay or caving pebbles you can terrace or slope the banks and grass them. This, with the removal of the fences and walls or the placing of an almost invisible wire fence, will convert one of the ugliest looking places on your farm into one of its most attractive features. The grass may extend down to the roadside ditch, and even the ditch may be grassed.

Such improvements may be made with very little outlay of work and time, and with no outlay of actual cash. Where a highway traverses a farm for a half mile, especially in a rolling country, there are always chances for improvement of the appearance of the farm. The farmer who improves these chances will add to the value of his property in many ways.

Generally the country road is as uninviting in its surroundings as it is unpleasant and difficult in itself for travel. Many a fine farm is hurt in market value by the road that skirts it or cuts through it. A purchaser is often scared away by clay banks three to ten feet high along a miserable road. The farm may be all right inside, but the forbidding exterior repels the seeker for a home.

The neglected road across the farm is taken, sometimes wrongfully, of course, as an indication that the farm is neglected. The road is public property, but the farmer is at liberty to improve it so that it shall not hurt the appearance and the market value of his property. The enterprising and public-spirited farmer will do so, and he will always find that he profits by his work in this direction.

A New Hampshire Fruit Farm.

One of New Hampshire's enterprising fruit farmers is G. W. Parker, whose establishment is located in Wilton, about four miles from Milford. The fruit farming feature of the business was started about thirty years ago, and is now the main interest on the farm. The apple orchards average one thousand barrels a season. There are three hundred plum trees, and about three thousand peach trees. The varieties which proved best adapted for the Northern location are chiefly Mountain Rose, Early Crawford, Old Mixon, Elberta. The favorite apples are Baldwins and Gravensteins.

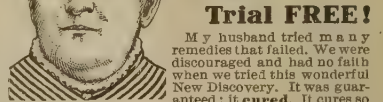
The trees are all sprayed yearly, and with good results. The wet fields have been drained, stones and walls removed, and the fields put in good condition by the use of improved machinery. The entire business has been a profitable one. When the farm was bought the owner was obliged to go into debt to pay for it, nearly \$4000. Since then the debt has been gradually paid off and the farm and buildings improved in many important ways.

Some Other Necessities.

It is more than probable that among the bearing trees there will be much refuse to care for in some way. Mummy fruit should all be removed from the trees as well as the decaying fruit upon the ground. Burning up or boiling thoroughly will be the safest treatment, and if thus treated it will be beyond the danger of doing farther harm.

Then, too, if the trees are in sod, especially young stock, it is a safe guard against ravages of mice to remove this, leaving a bare space about the trunks. Newly set trees or especially those of last spring's planting should be banked up with earth sufficiently to prevent the settling of water about the roots; and if thrown up to the height of six or eight inches will in ordinary cases settle the mouse question. In this connection it may be well to mention some of the preventives against our common enemies, the mice and rabbits. One method much in use is heavy tarred building or roofing paper, or wire screen of any size mesh fine enough to bar out mice; cut in strips and wrapped around the tree tying with wire or twine. One wrap around the tree with sufficient lap to prevent an opening will be all that is required; but they should be high enough to prevent gnawing from above. Another simple and inexpensive plan is to take the butts of large corn stalks, split in halves and set around the trees, pith side out, tie with twine and in spring the ties can be quickly cut and the stalks allowed to fall of themselves. Rubbing the trunks thoroughly with hard soap is said

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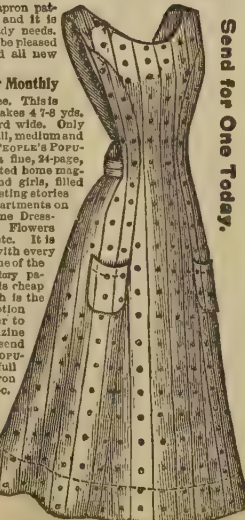
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FARM NOTES



Fence Laws.

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If cattle or horses break through fences in any way defective or neglected, the owner of the cattle or horses doing the damage is not responsible, if it was not his fence, or the injury brought about through his neglect.

Every man is compelled to look after his own part of the fence and keep it in good repair, and look out and restrain his own animals in trespassing upon the lands of another.

Owners of adjoining cultivated lands are required to make division fences in common.

In erecting a division fence according to law, half of it may be placed upon the adjoining land. No man has a right to build a fence on another's man's land, unless there is a law that will permit him to do so.

Fences are fixtures that pass with the sale of land. Posts or boards that have been used as fences on a farm, though when the farm is sold are piled up and not used at the time for fencing purposes, should be removed as personal property.

Burbank's Spineless Cactus.
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It was recently announced that wealthy and philanthropic men had subscribed a fund of \$200,000 to help Luther Burbank carry on his astonishing and successful experiments in evolving new plants, fruits and flowers by his processes of hybridizing and selecting. It seems that Mr. Burbank had not the means to develop several hopeful enterprises of this sort he has undertaken or has reason to believe could be carried to successful termination. Immediately following the praiseworthy generosity of these men, and fully justifying it, comes an announcement that Mr. Burbank has added a new plant to the number which may be made to minister wonderfully to the wants of mankind by very greatly increasing the possibilities of production of live stock of all kinds. It is a cactus without spines, and so "fixed" of type by continued selection, that it may be relied upon to remain forever in its refined state.

The spineless cactus is a variety of the ordinary wild cactus known as prickly pear, of which there are more than 200 species. The spineless cactus on which Mr. Burbank has been at work these ten years, is not alone a cactus without spines. It is a luscious, nourishing forage plant of great size and rapid growth. It bears a fragrant flower, and its fruit, which resembles somewhat an anchovie in taste, is delicious. The acid juice found in the wild cactus has just been eliminated by Mr. Burbank.

An original expert of national reputation asserts that Mr. Burbank's spineless cactus will make it possible to double the present population of the globe. The cactus is relished by all kinds of stock; horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, chickens, and other animals thrive on it. Mr. Burbank states that, bulk for bulk, it is about half as nourishing as alfalfa, which the United States department of agriculture has pronounced to be probably the best all-around of known forage plants, and its equal to most of the clovers. Acre for acre, the spineless cactus is vastly greater than the yield of alfalfa. A three-year-old spineless cactus at Mr. Burbank's Santa Rosa experiment station stands about eight feet high and weighs between 700 and 800 pounds. A year old spineless stands four feet high; its leaves are two feet long and of

thick flipper-like shape. One of them would feed a sheep a day.

It will be several years before Mr. Burbank will put the spineless cactus on the market, and by that time he hopes to have originated a plant that will grow in any part of the United States. Wild cactus is now found as far north as Maine, but it is very stunted in growth.

This is not Mr. Burbank's first success in removing spines. He has made chestnuts drop their thorns and gooseberries their prickles. The work with cactus was specially difficult, as the thorns start from the inside of the plant. As a commercial proposition it will cost from ten to twenty-five cents per acre for cuttings to sow the spineless cactus, once it is generally established.

How to Find the Height by Measuring the Shadow.

Rule.—Measure a pole, and hold it perpendicular in the sun, and measure its shadow; then measure the shadow of the tree whose height is desired. Then multiply the length of the pole by the length of the tree's shadow, and divide the product by the length of the shadow of the pole, and the result will be the height of the tree.

Example.—If a pole 3 feet long casts a shadow 4 1/2 feet long, what is the height of a tree whose shadow measures 180 feet?

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Sun Gave Less Heat

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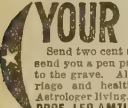
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Mushrooms and Toadstools.

A correspondent sends a box of fleshy fungi, with the request for information as to whether they are mushrooms and edible, or toadstools and poisonous. The question is one that is asked of every editor of an agricultural paper many times a year. The means of answering it are usually as satisfactory as they are in this case. Owing to delay in the mails, the specimens sent had decayed to such an extent that it would be impossible for an ordinary person, and difficult for an expert to tell what they are. One point only is clearly shown by them—the gills on the under side of the cap have turned black, and from this it may be said that they were probably specimens of the common mushroom or of some species related to it, like the horse mushrooms or the macaroon-flavored mushroom. All of these are edible, and when fresh may be known by the color of the gills which changes from pink, through brown, to nearly black, as the mushroom gets old.

Aside from shape, the most easily seen characters that serve to distinguish one kind of fleshy fungous from another lie in the presence or absence of a sac or bag at the base of the stem, the presence or absence of a ring or collar around the stem, at or above the middle, and the color of the gills.

Poisonous fungi are of two sorts. One sort would have been wholesome if eaten when in condition for the table, but the plants have changed through chemical or putrefactive deterioration, either the result of too great age, of moisture or of the attacks of insects. No mushroom of any kind should be eaten if wormy, offensive to the senses or if it has been allowed to lie around too long. The fact that some of the kinds can be dried for winter use had better be ignored by the novice! There are a few really delicious fungi that are peppery, but the beginner will do well to taste the least bit of a specimen of any kind that he thinks he knows, and to reject it if it is either bitter or peppery. The fungi that are harmful when acceptable to the taste and not changed by putrefaction are few in number, but they are the most dangerous plants that grow in our climate. None of the old traditions, such as that they will blacken silver if a spoon is put with them while they are cooking, are to be trusted for an instant. The only way to avoid danger from them lies in eating nothing that could be mistaken for them. The differences that they show from safe kinds are not always readily made out, if all safe kinds are taken into account, but if one is willing to confine himself to a part of those that are wholesome it is easier to cut out the dangerous ones.

A safe rule, then, by which all of the really poisonous species may be avoided is to eat no fungi that have small pin-hole-like pores on the under side of the cap, but only those that have thin plates or gills, and of these to avoid with the greatest care all which have a combination of either two of the following three characters: Persistently white gills, a ring or collar on the stem, and a sac or bag, or even a scaly enlarged part at the base. Fuller notes on the edible and poisonous kinds, with a list of books referring to them, will be found in the report of the Missouri Horticultural Society for 1900.

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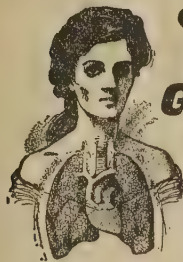
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The Brakeman.

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Company Manners for Every-day Use.

She had always kept the best china and silver for "company." Likewise the best room in the house, where the piano was, and the sleeping room which had the nicest furnishings and the best view. The family got along the best they could with any old thing, and they were so accustomed to taking second place that they never complained, says the "Philadelphia Bulletin."

One day this woman woke up. What woke her is immaterial for the purpose of this story, but, anyway, it opened her eyes to the fact that her own family were really more dear to her than any one who visited her, and that the best was none too good for them. She was a woman who acted up to her convictions. The very next day after her awakening she fixed that house up as if the President's wife herself was to be her guest. Long-closed shutters were thrown wide to let the sunlight in. The piano was opened; flowers were placed on the parlor table, the dining table was exquisitely laid with all the sacred things, and a bowl of flowers in the center.

Then the hostess put on her prettiest house gown and awaited the arrival of her guests. First came the children from school. Children have sharp eyes and quick tongues.

"Who's coming?" they asked, their faces shining.

"Nobody but you and father," was the mother's smiling answer.

They looked incredulous, but instead of tossing their books down carelessly, they put them away in neat little piles, and without being told to do so made themselves very presentable, the small girl changing her dress and brushing her hair without a murmur—a most extraordinary proceeding.

Men are neither so observing nor so spontaneous of speech. When the head of the house came home he may have noticed and he may not; at any rate, he said nothing, whereat the watchful woman felt a keen disappointment. However, at the table he was unusually jolly and entertaining, and he remarked suddenly that she looked very nice in that frock—which as any woman knows was enough to repay all her efforts.

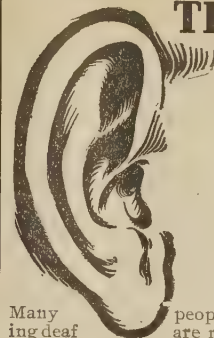
It was afterward when he was reading the paper in the "best" room, while she sorted over songs at the piano, that he suddenly put the paper down and asked her what it was she had wanted for the spring renovation. Now she had wished for lace curtains and a new rug for the spare room, but she had put them out of her mind.

"We ought to fix up this room—we will make it a living room—and the dining room," she said, "for we use them more than the rest of the house."

Perhaps it was because that sort of reply was so new and unexpected, and perhaps it was that he really concurred in her opinion; but at all events, the dining room and the new living room were "fixed up" in cosy fashion. And the experiment was a success in more ways than one, for from the day that woman began to act as hostess to her own family the atmosphere of her home has changed. Not only are her family treated as well as her guests, but the guests themselves experience a delightful "homey" feeling under her roof, and no longer suffer the sensation of being made "company" of, and having the whole household discommoded for their entertainment.

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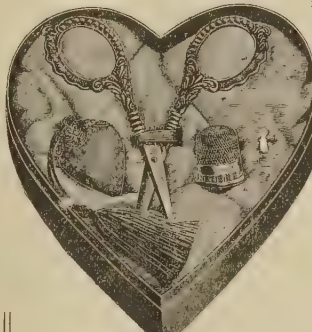
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Till yellow leaves fall everywhere;
When wild grapes scent the wind with
wine,
And ripe persimmons give the sign,
Then life seems happy as a rhyme
Because—it's nearly 'Possum time!

When fires roar on the cabin hearth,
And ovens bubble low in mirth;
When sweet potatoes slowly bake,
And Mammy makes her best ash-cake;
When Daddy climbs the "jice" and
throws

A string of peppers down, it shows
That life is happier than a rhyme,
Because, at last,—it's 'Possum time.

—Bandanna Ballads.

Timid Tottie.

"Will you walk in the garden, my pretty
wee maid?"

"No, thank you, kind sir; I am too
much afraid."

"Why, what can you fear is a puzzle to
me!"

"Oh, sir, the snap dragons might snap at
me!"

"Oh, I will protect you, my pretty wee
maid.

Come, put on your bonnet." "Oh, sir,
I'm afraid."

"Pray what is it now?" "Why, I never
could go,

For a big tiger illy might bite me, you
know."

"We'll walk in the fields, then, my
pretty wee maid."

"Oh, that would be worse! I shall feel
so afraid."

"What makes you so timid, you strange
little child?"

"Why, sir, in the meadows the flowers
are all wild!"

—Cassell's Little Folks.

Life's Mirror.

There are loyal hearts, there are spirits
brave

There are souls that are pure and true;
Then give to the world the best you have,
And the best shall come back to you.

Give love, and love to your heart will
flow,

A strength in your utmost need;
Have faith and a score of hearts will show
Their faith in your word and deed.

For life is the mirror of king and slave,
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—Madeline S. Bridges.

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And our varied stock is vast,

Squirrel Brothers still are buying,

And they're going very fast.

—Louisville Courier Journal.

Autumn Hopes.

How will it be when the woods turn
brown
Their golden and crimson all dropped
down,
And crumbled to dust? Oh, then as we
lay
Our ears to earth's lips, we shall hear her
say,
"In the dark I am seeking new gems
for my crown;"
We will dream of green leaves, when the
woods turn brown.

—Lucy Larcom.

Come, Little Leaves.

"Come, little leaves," said the wind
one day,
"Over the meadows with me and play.
Put on your dresses of red and gold,
For the summer is gone and the days
grow cold."

Soon as the leaves heard the wind's low
call,
Down they came fluttering one and all.
Over the fields they danced and flew,
Singing the soft little songs they knew.

Dancing and whirling, the little leaves
went;
Winter had called them and they were
content.

Soon fast asleep in their earthy beds,
The snow laid a coverlet over their heads.

—Sel.

An Apple Tree in October.

These apples red and glowing on the tree,
And rosy apples lying in the grass,
And wind-worn leaves are telling you
and me

The miracle of fruitage come to pass.

The promise of the springtime all came
true;

The joy and work of summer did their
part;

And touch of golden autumn made com-
plete

The longing hid in silent winter's
heart.

This fruitage came of autumn, summer,
spring,—

Warm summer,—tender spring that buds
and blows—

But all are reaching backward to that
time

Of patient "getting ready" 'mid the
snows.

These apples, red and glowing on the
tree,

Need constant, certain work of all
the year:

Did autumn, spring, or summer prove
untrue?"

Did winter yield itself to idle fear?

The fruitage life demands of you and
me

Needs springtime's promise, needs the
summer's glow,

Needs autumn's golden touch, and
none the less,

The blessed waiting 'mid our winter's
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—Junita Stafford.

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Old Home Week.

It is evident that the interest in Old Home week is not declining in New Hampshire. As a rule, the committees do not attempt to make the exercises so elaborate as at first, but the results are even more satisfactory. The basket picnic affords a much more rational means of outdoor enjoyment than do set tables, to say nothing of the extra work involved in the latter method. There is a tendency also, to make the formal program shorter and lighter, more time being thus secured for exchange of greetings and the renewing of old acquaintance.

The extent to which the sons and daughters of the state have scattered and their tendency to return in Old Home week were strikingly illustrated by the register kept in Epsom this year. The register shows that in this small town no fewer than nine states and twenty-six towns were represented. In addition to the pleasure attendant upon such reunions, the carrying out of the Old Home week idea has already brought good results in at least two directions. It has called attention to those who have gone away from their native towns and achieved some measure of success abroad, and it has also most distinctly emphasized the character and work of those who have remained at home and labored to preserve the heritage that has descended from the fathers. For as no branch can grow without being indebted to its connection with the trunk, and as no plant can spring up unless the seed has first germinated in suitable surroundings, so it is evident that where every one may go or whatever one may accomplish by one's own exertions, much is still due to the home and to the town where early impressions were received and where the foundations of character were laid.

Date Palm Cultivation.

Among the exotic industries which the Department of Agriculture is trying to establish in this country is the cultivation of the date palm. This tree, as is well known, furnishes the Arab not only with food and drink but with shelter—the timber being used for the construction of houses—and with a thousand and one articles of daily use. It renders habitable many regions of the Sahara Desert. Although it will hardly be called upon to perform such varied functions in America it will be found valuable in utilizing land that would otherwise be a trackless waste. For instance, the ill-famed Death Valley of California could be made, it is stated, an ideal habitat for the palm, thus not only redeeming this tract from arid sterility but rendering it no longer a menace to the traveler in that region.

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der these, again, vegetables can be grown, so that veritable oases are created in the deserts.

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A Word With Boys.

Boys seldom realize the value of the evening hours. If profitably employed, the spare hours at the command of every boy and girl would render them intelligent and equip them for a life of usefulness. If these spare hours are wasted, the opportunity for securing an equipment for life may never return. Increasing years means increasing duties and exacting demands upon one's time. The boy who spends an hour of each evening lounging idly on street corners wastes, in the course of a year, three hundred and sixty-five hours, which, if applied to study, would acquaint him with the rudiments of the familiar sciences. If, in addition to wasting an hour each evening, he spends ten cents for cigars, which is usually the case, the amount thus worse than wasted would pay for ten of the leading periodicals in the country. Boys, think of these things! Think of how much time and money you are wasting, and for what? The gratification afforded by a lounge on the corner, or a cigar, is not only temporary, but it is positively hurtful. You cannot indulge in them without seriously injuring yourself. You acquire idle and wasteful habits, which will cling to you with each succeeding year. You may in after life shake them off, but the probabilities are that the habits thus formed in early life will remain with you till your dying day. Be warned, then, in time, and resolve that, as the hour spent in idleness is gone forever, you will improve each passing one, and thereby fit yourself for usefulness and happiness. *Lutheran Observer.*

They Were Lightweight.

Russell Sage, on his recent birthday, talked in an interesting manner about the famous Americans he has known. Apropos of Henry Ward Beecher, he said: "I went to Beecher's church one night to hear him preach. The church was crowded to the doors. But Beecher, unexpectedly, had been called out of town, and in his place in the pulpit there sat a beardless, black clad youth—a youth who is today one of the most powerful preachers in America. "But this youth, fresh from college,

was unknown then, and the great congregation had come to hear Beecher and not him. Consequently, as soon as he arose and announced that he was to preach in Beecher's place the people began to drift out. First one went; then two; then a half dozen; and the young man stood watching this dispersal from the pulpit. It was a trying moment, and yet there sat on his youthful face a smile singularly composed. Out the people tiptoed, and he waited, saying nothing, for almost five minutes. Then he said, as if in explanation of his silence: "We will not begin this public worship until the chaff blows off." *Baltimore Herald.*

What the Horse Knows.

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Farmer Vincent, in Farm Journal.

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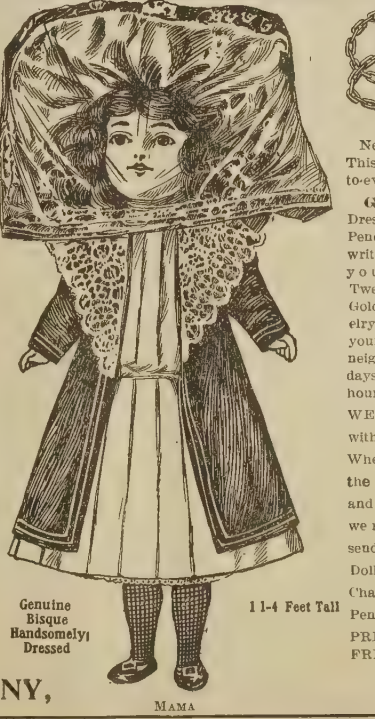
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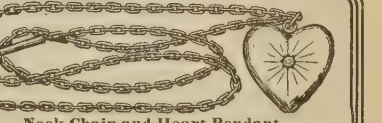
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"The right kind of a woman always appreciates a proposal of marriage from any man as a great compliment. Coming from you it is the much more to be valued, but I cannot marry you," said the woman.

"I have to thank you for having listened to me so patiently. Might I trespass a little more upon your good nature and ask permission to discuss the matter further with you?"

"No amount of discussion can profit either of us, so far as I can see. But, as I have said, in asking me to marry you a great compliment was paid me, and, in return for that compliment I suppose I owe you permission to indulge your love for discussion or argument."

"Thanks for the permission," said the man, still in his stolid manner. "I cannot recognize my proposal as, in any sense, a compliment, but I am willing that you should, if you wish, take the manner in which I made it as a compliment. Recognizing the splendid development of your own logical faculties, I have made my offer of marriage in perfectly business-like form. I have heard you often declare that a contract of marriage is like any other contract, and should be entered into only when both parties are fully aware of what they are doing."

"Do you think women are ever entirely consistent?" interrupted the woman.

The man looked surprised and replied: "At least I give you credit for having a splendidly consistent mind. You do not mean that I have erred in my manner of proposing, that you would have preferred more of a air of romance, and all that sort of thing?"

"Now the situation is something like this," continued the man in very much the same tone of voice that he would have used in arguing an important case before the Supreme Court. "You are twenty-nine—or is it thirty?—years old, have a reputation as a beauty, and all that. You can, I know, marry any one of two or three men who can offer you at least as much as I, but modesty was never a prevailing characteristic of mine, and I have not feared to measure myself with these other men.

"On the other hand, I can give you pretty much anything you desire that costs money. I stand well in my profession, and have prospects of soon being near the top of it. Altogether, I am satisfied that any one would call it a very suitable match all around."

"Does the prosecution here close its case?" inquired the woman, laughing a little.

"I hardly care to regard the matter as one of prosecution and defense," said the man imperturbably, "but if you wish to use the terms I am forced to admit their applicability. Will the defense rest its case on the testimony submitted by the prosecution, or will it elect to submit an argument?"

"The defense will submit an argument," replied the woman. "I admit that the match would be, as you say, pronounced suitable to every one. As for the two or three other men whom you aver that I can marry at any time, I cannot answer. I have noticed that the number of my proposals has been falling off of late, and attributed the fact to advancing age—you were right when you said I was thirty. I may close the discussion by saying that I have made up my mind to become an old maid."

"Far be it from me to say anything against those estimable members of society—the old maids," said the man, "but I do not think you will ever be one of them. A wise man once said that the cowl of a monk always hides either a disappointed lover or a great rascal, and while I do not indorse his opinion unqualifiedly, I am firm in the belief that every old maid is a woman who was disappointed in love or who was too cold-bloodedly selfish ever to marry. Surely you do not come in either class?"

"No," said the woman, reflectively, "I can't say that I do, and yet—"

"Perhaps," said the man, and now his voice was very gentle, as though he feared he might here touch some old wound unwittingly, "there is in your life some romance which I have not guessed. Believe me, I would not wound you for worlds, and I trust you will pardon my clumsy speech."

"Oh, I am not a blighted being, never fear," this with a laugh that did not ring altogether of merriment.

"Then your refusal to marry me is not based upon the ground that you prefer some other man?"

"No, I am not in love—with some other man?"

"Then why not marry me?"

"I have given you the best of all a woman's reasons, 'because.'"

"But your refusal of me is final, I may take it?"

"Yes,"—the 'yes' with an almost inaudible sigh, a sigh so nearly inaudible that it did not reach the man.

He had thrown away his cigar and stood for a moment gazing out toward the trees. Then he began to speak, and his voice was harsh with feeling that had been restrained.

"I think I quite forgot to mention one thing in my proposal. I did not say that I love you very dearly; that, not wishing to be a beggar of love, I have waited all these years to be in a position to offer you the things which I mentioned as rendering me eligible for your hand. You, who are so cool and calm, what can you know of love and passion? Now, I know that I have worked all these years in vain—no, not altogether in vain—for I am going to kiss you once, here and now, if it means the loss of all the little that is left me of your regard."

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Progress is the activity of today and the assurance of tomorrow.—*Emerson.*

The future destiny of the child is always the work of the mother.—*Napoleon.*

Good cheer is the heart's constant springtide.

The bitterest herbs may give the best honey.

Patience is a good protection against provocation.

Fortune's caresses oft becomes folly's culture.

Bitter bread is sweeter than poisoned honey.

The most wasted of all days is that on which one has not laughed.—*Chamfort.*

A fool may have his coat embroidered with gold, but it is a fool's coat still.—*Rivarol.*

A sharp tongue is the only edged-tool that grows keener with constant use.—*Irving.*

A thousand times listen to the counsel of your friend, but seek it only once.—*A. S. Hardy.*

There are things which each must bear as best he may with the strength that has been allotted to him.—*Huxley.*

'Tis with our judgments as our watches, None go just alike yet each believes his own.—*Alexander Pope.*

Forbearance is always more heroic than fighting.

A difficulty does not furnish a reason for denial.

Every task undone means some truth unknown.

The finest fabrics may be woven out of cross purposes.—*Ram's Horn.*

You can sometimes avoid a lot of trouble by not saying what you think.

'Tis not the food but the content That makes the table's merriment. Where trouble serves the board, we eat The platters there as soon as meat. A little pipkin with a bit Of mutton or of veal in it, Set on my table, trouble free, More than a feast contenteth me.

—*Herrick.*

Give me for my friend one who will unite heart and hand with me, who will throw himself into my cause and interest, who will take part when I am attacked, who will be sure, before hand that I am in the right, and if he is critical, as he may have cause to be, towards a being of sin and imperfection, will be so from very love and loyalty, and a wish that others should love me as heartily as he.

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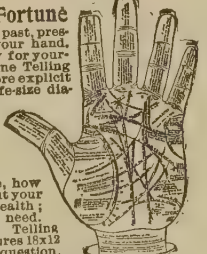
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The eighth in a series of twelve articles by Chester A. Olmstead, the well-known authority on honey bees. I hope these articles which began in our March issue, will induce many of my readers to keep one or more colonies of these wonderful little workers.—E.A.

Hunting Wild Bees.

Bees living in hollow trees, the crevices of rock, or any natural shelter are called wild bees, not because they are any different from those kept in hives for they are not;—one is just as tame, or wild as the other, but it serves the purpose of distinguishing the ones in the trees and rocks from those living in hives and cared for by mankind.

For hundreds of years bees have been kept for the honey and wax they produce, yet they care no more for their owner to-day than at the beginning, they would sting him to death just as they would any one else if circumstances seemed to call for it, for a honey bee has no fear of any man, or of any other living thing for that matter.

When a colony of bees swarm out of a hive and cluster on a bush or otherwise today, their relation to mankind and the whole world is the same as was that of their ancestors when they swarmed out and clustered a thousand years ago.

Their immediate need is a home, a shelter of some kind and man has learned that if they are put close to a hive or any small, clean box with a hole in it they will go in and can be carried to the place where he wants them and they will soon be busy filling it with comb and honey, not for him but for themselves.

If he had not furnished them a hive or shelter of some kind, they would have done just as their ancestors did, found a hollow tree, or some other natural shelter and would have gone to work just the same.

The hiving and hunting of such bees is great sport for a bee hunter; his outfit consists of a bee-box, some honey and a little oil of anise. The box can be bought of a bee-supply dealer or easily made as follows: Make a box just like a trunk in shape but only three inches deep three or four inches wide and about five inches long, using thin boards; have the rim of the cover one inch wide and if you have no little hinges, glue—or even paste—a strip of thin cloth on so the box will open without jarring. The top should be made of glass, but wire screen will do. If you have bees, or can get of one who has, a piece of old brood comb is best, but if not, you can buy a box of honey at the store—any kind—cut a piece that will fit in the box and mix it with an equal quantity of water. Put it in a bottle, let the loose honey drip from the piece of comb; then put it in the box sealed cells down. Get five cents worth of anise and put some of it on the inside of the box, it will soak in quickly and make the box smell very sweet, cork the vial tightly and press it in at the end of the comb.

Go to any place near the woods or where there are plenty of large trees such as are liable to be hollow and set your box on a fence or any convenient place and hunt for a bee on a blossom. I catch them in my hand and put them in the box but many prefer to hold the box just right and quickly shut the lid over bee and blossom then carefully draw the box from the plant and carry it quickly and carefully to the fence or other object.

Cover the glass with anything that will keep the light out. I hold my arm on it. When the bee stops buzzing around, carefully raise the arm and if she is feeding on the honey, open the lid very slowly and carefully or she may leave before getting a load and not return. Now you can sit down and watch, for as soon as she has a load she will start for home—first circling round the box close to it, then in gradually widening circles sometimes several rods across—finally she will swing off toward her home. She does this to mark the place so that she can come back to it and one is liable to lose sight of her before she starts on what we call "a bee line." If her home

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is not far away she is quite sure to return in a little while and usually another bee comes with her, and so on until there are hundreds going and coming. By watching carefully you will see just what part of the woods they go towards and by looking closely along the body and large limbs of all the good trees on or near the line, you will likely find them going in and out of a hole. This is the bee's natural home. If you do not find them in this way and the woods are large, take the box with some bees in it and go to the side of the woods and get a cross line and where the lines cross, there the bees live for they go very straight. After a few bees have filled and gone, turn the comb over and break the capping. Have the bottle of thin honey along and pour some of it in the comb; as soon as they are working lively, they will take a heavier load and fly slower, much to your advantage. The fact that one finds a bee tree on another's land does not give him any right in New York to cut the tree.

One can nearly always get permission from the owner to cut the tree, as such trees are not growing any better. And don't forget to invite him and his pail to the cutting.

In the Garden

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of the branches were entirely covered; in fact, only a few inches of the tops were left above ground, and they of course, did not stand upright. In a few days however they were standing straight up in the air and growing like mad; and certainly I could find no fault as to the fruiting time or the crop which they produced. By partial experiments in the past, I have been almost persuaded that no actual gains were made either in time or yield by all the extra work in so much transplanting. Now next year, I hope to learn by actual experiment with plants growing side, and side what is the real difference. If the new plan verifies the theory of the florist, or even proves equally good as the old, then I shall be sorely vexed with myself for having remained so long in the dark.

In Conclusion.

Let us all go carefully over the work of the past season, taking note of our successes, and marking well our failures. Tracing the sources of the latter will aid us in avoiding them in future, and thus turn past defeats into future victories. To those who read carefully, Nature's book is constantly unfolding new wonders—new beauties. So the tillers of the soil become not the drudges and slaves of all mankind; but really masters of themselves, and a nation of kings.—John Elliott Morse.


Regarding Trees.

In a magazine devoted to lawyers and laws there is a short account of a decision rendered in a Maryland court. It will be of interest to all those who have had trees standing for years on a public highway. There are many case where they have been destroyed or injured in the march of public improvements, much to the sorrow of those whose homes were near by.

According to the Maryland court trees which have been standing for forty years without impeding travel on a public highway cannot be considered nuisances, because they extend a few inches outside the curb on a plan for the improvement of the street, where the curb can be so arranged as to carry the water in the gutter around them so that it will not interfere with the improvement of the street in a workmanlike manner.


That is an important decision to hundreds. There are many cases where trees can be spared and others in the past where they have been destroyed, simply because they stood on the line of the curb. It is hoped a test will be made soon in this state to see whether the law, good in Maryland, is not just as good in other states.

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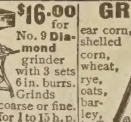
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These prizes **ARE GIVEN**, as we wish to have our Magazine brought prominently to the attention of everyone living in the United States. Our Magazine is carefully edited and filled with the choicest literary matter that the best authors produce. **TRY AND WIN.** If you make out the six names, send the solutions at once—who knows but what you will win a **LARGE PRIZE**? Anyway, we do not want you to send any money with your letter, and a contest like this is very interesting. Our Magazine is a fine, large paper, filled with fascinating stories of love and adventure, and now has a circulation of 400,000 copies each issue. We will send **FREE** a copy of the latest issue of our Magazine, to everyone who answers this advertisement. **COMMENCE RIGHT AWAY ON THIS CONTEST** and you will find it a very ingenious mix-up of letters, which can be straightened out to spell the names of six well-known cities of the United States. Send in the names right away. As soon as the contest closes you will be notified if you have won a prize. This and other most liberal offers are made to introduce one of the very best New York magazines into every home in the United States and Canada. **WE DO NOT WANT ONE CENT OF YOUR MONEY.** When you have made out the names of these cities, write them plainly on a postal card and send it to us, and you will hear from us promptly by **RETURN MAIL.** A copy of our fascinating **MAGAZINE** will be sent **FREE** to everyone answering this advertisement. **DO NOT DELAY.** Send in your answer immediately. **WE INTEND TO GIVE AWAY VAST SUMS OF MONEY** in the future, just as we have done in the past, to advertise our **CHARMING MAGAZINE.** We find it is the very best advertising we can get to offer **LARGE PRIZES.** Here are the names and addresses of a few people we have recently awarded **PRIZES:** M. M. Kate E. Dunlap, 128 N. W. St., Los Angeles, Cal., \$61.00; Mrs. E. Freister, Richmond, Tex., \$55.00; M. G. 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We would rather take this way of advertising our excellent Magazine than spending many thousands of dollars in other foolish ways. We freely and cheerfully give the money away. **YOU MAY WIN.** We do not care who gets the money. **TO PLEASE OUR READERS IS OUR DELIGHT.** The question is, Can you get the correct solution? If you can do so, write the names of the cities and your full address plainly on a letter and mail it to us, and you will hear from us promptly by return mail. **LADY** foolish people neglect these grand free offers and then wonder and complain about their bad luck. There are always plenty of opportunities for clever, brainy people who are always alert and ready to grasp a real good thing. We have built up our enormous business by being alert and liberal in our **GREAT OFFERS.** We are continually offering our readers **RARE AND UNUSUAL PRIZES.** We have a big capital, and anyone can easily ascertain about our financial condition. We intend to have the largest circulation for our high-class Magazine in the world. In this progressive age publishers find that they must be liberal in giving away prizes. It is the successful way to get your Magazine talked about. Of course, if you are easily discouraged and are not patient and are not willing to spend any time in trying to work out the solution, you certainly cannot expect to win. **USE YOUR BRAINS.** Write the names of the cities and send them to us, and we will be just as much pleased as you are. We desire someone to be successful, and as it does not cost you one cent to solve and answer this contest, it will be very foolish for you to pass it by. In all fairness give it some of your leisure time. **SUCCESS IS FOR ENERGETIC AND THOUGHTFUL PEOPLE,** and the cause of **FAILURE IS LACK OF INTEREST AND LAZINESS.** So, dear readers, do not pass this advertisement without trying hard to make a **SOLUTION** of the lines of letters printed in the center of this page that you carefully read this offer several times before giving up the idea of solving the puzzle. Many people write us kind and grateful letters, profusely thanking us for our prompt and honest dealings, and saying that if we had not so strongly urged them to try to win they would not have been successful. Always pay to give attention to our grand and liberal offers. **OUR PRIZES** have gladdened the hearts of many persons who needed the money. If you need money you will give attention to this special offer this very minute. If you solve it, write us immediately. **BOOK 'EM! DELAY! WE WILL GIVE OTHER PRIZES THIS SEASON.** Get your name on our list and win a prize. **DO NOT DELAY.** Write plainly.

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Readers of this paper a full-sized \$1.00 package of VITÆ-ORE, by mail, postpaid, sufficient for one month's treatment, to be paid for within thirty days' time after receipt, if the receiver can truthfully say that its use has done him or her more good than all the drugs and doses of quacks or good doctors or patent medicines he or she has ever used. Read this offer carefully, and understand that we ask our pay only when it has done you good, and not before. If not, no money is wanted! We take all the risk, you have nothing to lose. If it does not benefit you, you pay us nothing. We ask no references, we want no security; just your promise to use it and pay if it helps you. Just say that you need it, that you want it and it will be sent to you, as it has been sent to hundreds of other readers of this paper. We want you to have it, and gladly send it, taking your word for the results obtained. There is nothing to pay, neither now nor later, if it does not help you. We give you thirty days' time to try the medicine, thirty days to see the results before you pay us one cent, and you do not pay the one cent unless you do see the results. You are to be the judge! We know Vitæ-Ore and are willing to take the risk. We have done so in thousands of cases and are not sorry. Your case, no matter how hard or obstinate it may be, will be no exception.

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MRS. M. E. STONE,
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How Vitæ-Ore Cures Rheumatism

Rheumatism is a deep-seated, dangerous disease, caused by the absorption into the blood of effete refuse matter, which should be carried out of the system through the proper channels. This poison soon destroys the purity of the blood and as it circulates through the body the acid particles that are thrown off penetrate the nerves, muscles, membranes and even the bones.

In Acute Articular Rheumatism, the affection usually commences suddenly; sometimes pain or soreness in the joints precedes the accession of the disease. The joints become swollen, particularly those of the knee, ankle, wrist, elbow and the smaller joints of the hands and feet. Acute Rheumatism is always identified with more or less feverish condition and profuse perspiration, especially at night, same being strongly acid, showing the system is attempting to throw off the poisonous particles. Chronic Rheumatism is the same as the acute form, but milder and less extended; though strange to say, more persistent and difficult to cure.

Muscular Rheumatism also exists under two forms, acute and chronic, the latter as in Articular Rheumatism, not so violent in attack but pitiless in its hold on the system. In the acute form, there is first a dull pain in the muscles, which gradually increases, growing almost unbearably violent in movements which require the contraction of the muscles. In the chronic form, pain is excited only when the affected muscles are contracted with unusual force, and is more apt to change its location than in the acute form. With the blood in an unhealthy condition, exposure to cold, combined with moisture, the night air, sudden changes in the weather, sleeping between damp sheets, sitting in a cold, damp room, especially when heated from exercise, or an acute attack of indigestion is sufficient to bring on an attack of Rheumatism, in those who have never before experienced this difficulty, and cause violent attacks in those who are subject to it.

Vitæ-Ore cures Rheumatism, even in chronic, diagnosed as incurable cases. Alkalies and remedies that are almost invariably prescribed, fail to cure because they weaken the digestion, irritating the delicate lining of the stomach, thus impairing instead of building up the system. Vitæ-Ore, being a powerful blood purifier, soon brings about a complete and radical change in the circulation. It is absorbed into the blood, neutralizing the acid secretions, rendering them harmless for evil, and gradually eliminates them from the system. Under its use the thin acid blood is made pure and rich and as it is carried through the body nourishes and soothes the irritated nerve tissues, cools the hot, throbbing muscles, dissolves the hard, calcareous matter that has collected in the joints, and it passes out of the system. Cures with Vitæ-Ore are permanent and lasting. In severe cases crutches are often thrown away, never to be used again. It leaves the blood in perfect working order, its occasional use keeps it so and the cure is sure and certain.

A Certain and Never-Failing Cure for

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resigned myself to what looked to me to be the inevitable. My hopes of a possible cure were again raised by reading a Vitæ-Ore advertisement and seeing mentioned therein the testimony of a person who had been cured of Bright's Disease and whose condition at the time of his treatment seemed similar to mine. I procured a package and began its use. The first package put me right on my feet and back to my work. I kept it up, with the result that I am entirely cured. Doctors who have lately examined me say: "You have no kidney trouble whatever. Your kidneys are all right."

Vitæ-Ore has done all this for me. I am well and working at 65 years and owe it to this remedy and the world to tell what I know of it. I send two photos, an old one taken when I thought I was going to die, and another just taken a short time ago. They tell their own story.

M. M. AMMIDOWN,
South Framingham, Mass.

Women Are you afflicted with any of the innumerable diseases which are so common and prevalent among your sex? We cannot mention them in this space, but let us assure you that Vitæ-Ore is the true "Balm of Gilead" to every sufferer. The many diseased conditions which unfortunates for the full enjoyment of life and its duties may be at once alleviated and permanently eradicated by the proper use of this wonderful remedy. Send for a package on thirty days' trial.

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Vitæ-Ore will do the same for you as it has done for hundreds of readers of this paper if you will give it a trial. Send for a \$1.00 package at our risk. You have nothing to lose but the stamp to answer this advertisement. We want no one's money whom Vitæ-Ore cannot benefit. You are to be the judge! Can anything be more fair? What sensible person, no matter how prejudiced he or she may be, who desires a cure and is willing to pay for it, would hesitate to try Vitæ-Ore on this liberal offer? One package is usually sufficient to cure the ordinary cases; two or three for chronic, obstinate cases. We mean just what we say in this announcement, and will do just as we agree. Write today for a package at our risk and expense, giving your age and ailments, and mention this paper so that we may know that you are entitled to this liberal offer.

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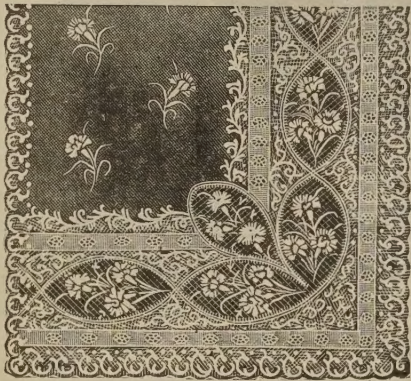
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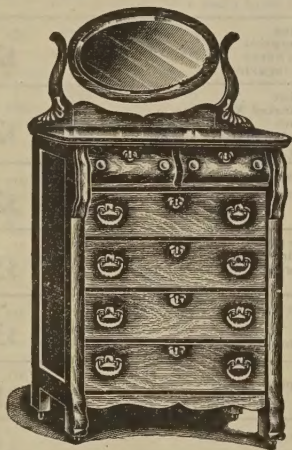
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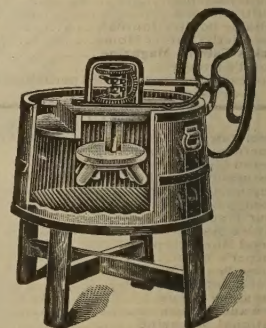
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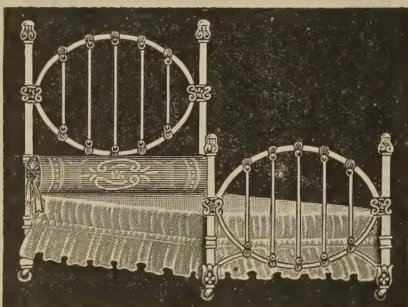
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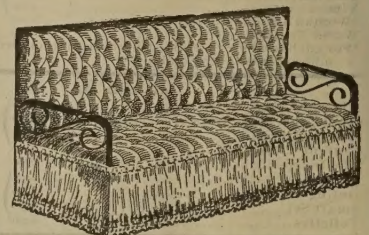
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